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CHARTERS

Which have been GRANTED

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The C H A R T E R of King *John*.

“ **J** O H N, by the Grace of God, King of Eng- John
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land, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy,
Aquitain, and Earl of Anjou; To all, etc.
Know Ye, that We have granted, and by this Our
present Charter have confirmed, to the *Burgesses of*
Ipswich, Our *Borough of Ipswich*, with all its Appur-
tenances and Liberties, and all its free Customs, to be
holden of Us, and Our Heirs, to them and their Heirs,
hereditarily; paying by the Year, the right and ac-
customed Farm, at Our Exchequer, at *Michaelmas*-
Term, by the Hand of the Provost of *Ipswich*; and
One hundred Shillings Sterling, over and above what
they used to pay at the said Term.

We have also granted to them, that all the Bur-
gesses of *Ipswich*, may be quit of Toll *, Lastage,

* *Toll* was a Duty paid in Towns, Markets, and Fairs, for
Goods and Cattle bought and sold therein. *Lastage* or *Lestage*,
was a Duty paid, for the Liberty of carrying Goods up and
down to Markets and Fairs at Pleasure. *Pontage*, was a Duty

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Stallage, Passage, Pontage, and all other Customs, throughout our Land and Sea-ports.

We have also granted to them, that none of them shall plead out of the Borough of *Ipswich*, of any Plea, other than the Pleas of foreign Tenures *, excepting Our own Officers. And that they may have a *Merchants Gild* †, and their own *Hanse*: and that no one be lodged, nor shall any one take any Thing by Force, within the Borough of *Ipswich*; and that they may have their own Lands, and their own Pledges, and all their own just Dues, from whomsoever they be owing. And as to their Tenures and Lands that are within the Borough, Right shall be done them according to the Customs of the Borough of *Ipswich*, and Our free Boroughs. And as to the Dues that were at *Ipswich*, and the Pledges there made, the Pleas may be holden at *Ipswich*. And that no one of them shall have Judgment against him for Money, but according to the Law of Our free Boroughs.

We forbid also, that no Man throughout Our Land, take from the Men of *Ipswich*, any Toll or Stallage, or any other Custom, on the Forfeiture of *Ten Pounds*.

Wherefore, We will and firmly command, that the said Burgeffes may well have, and hold in Peace, all the aforesaid Liberties and free Customs,

paid at going over Bridges, with Horses and Carriages; and under them with Boats. *Stallage*, was the Payment for a Stall, or the Right to have one at a Fair or Market. *Passage*, was a Duty paid by Passengers at Bridges, Gates, etc. It may be called Gate-Toll, or Bridge-Toll.

* *Foreign Tenures*, i. e. Tenures of Lands and Tenements, etc. lying out of the Liberties of the Town.

† *Merchants Gild* and *Hanse*, mean much the same Thing, i. e. a Society governed by their own Laws, for the better and more convenient carrying on of Trade.

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as the other free Burgeſſes of Our free Boroughs of *England* have had, or have them; ſaving in all Things Our Citizens of *London*, and their Liberties and free Cuſtoms.

Moreover, We will and grant, that Our ſaid Burgeſſes, by Our *Common Council* of their Town, may chooſe *Two* of the more lawful and diſcreet Men of their Town †, and preſent them to Our Chief Juſtice at Our Exchequer, who may well and faithfully keep the *Government* of the Borough of *Ipswich* aforeſaid; and may not be removed, as long as they behave well in that *Bailiffwick*, except by the *Common Council* of the aforeſaid Burgeſſes.

We will alſo, that in the ſame Borough, Four of the more lawful and diſcreet Men of the Borough, be choſen by the *Common Council*, out of the Burgeſſes aforeſaid; to keep the Pleas of the Crown, and other Things that appertain to Us, and Our Crown, in the ſame Borough *, and to ſee that the *Governors* of that Borough, behave juſtly and lawfully towards the Poor, as well as the Rich.

† *Præpoſitura* and *Bailiva*, mean much the ſame thing; for before the Town was incorporated in the preſent Form, the Duties and Cuſtoms ariſing to the Crown were received by an Officer, who was appointed by the King, and called the *Præpoſitus* or *Bailivus*, the Provost or Bailiff.

* The Form of the Oath that is now taken by the *Bailives*, ſeems to have had its Riſe from the Words of this firſt Charter; and it is obſervable, that the Cuſtom at this Day is, for the *Coroners* to adminiſter that Oath to the *Bailives*, when they are ſworn into their Office. In this Oath, among other Things, they ſwear, "That they will well and truly entreat all the King's liege People, within their Bailiffwick and Liberties, according to Right, Law, and good Conſcience; and that they will truly execute and miniſter true Juſtice to all Perſons, as well to Poor as to Rich,—and that they will wrong no Man, either for Favour that they bear to one Party, nor for Malice that they bear to the other Party."

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Witness, *etc.* Given at *Gold Cliff**, 25 May, in the First Year of Our Reign."

Hen. III. 1256. "HENRY, *etc.* Know Ye, that We have granted, and by this Our Charter, for Us and Our Heirs, have confirmed to Our Burgeſſes of *Ipswich*, That they and their Heirs, Burgeſſes of the ſaid Town, may for ever have the Return of all Our Writs, relating to Our Town of *Ipswich*, and the Liberties thereof. And that the Bailives of the ſaid Town may answer at Our Exchequer by their own proper Hand, concerning all their Dues, and the Summonſes of the ſaid Exchequer, relating to the ſaid Town of *Ipswich*; ſo that no Sheriff, or other Our Bailiff or Officer, for the future, ſhall interfere concerning ſuch Summonſes, or any Attachments; or for making any Diſtreſſes in the Town aforeſaid, unleſs by the Default of the ſaid Burgeſſes, or the Bailives of the ſaid Town. And that the ſaid Burgeſſes may chooſe out of themſelves, and create Coroners in the ſaid Town, to make Attachments of the Pleas of Our Crown, ariſing within the ſaid Town, and the Liberties of the ſame, and may answer before Our Judges of Aſſize concerning the Attachments by them made, and other Matters relating to the Office of Coroners, as other Coroners ought, and are accuſtomed to answer. — We have alſo granted to the ſaid Burgeſſes, that all Wares or Merchandiſes, as well of Fiſh, as of other Things, coming to the Port of *Ipswich*, found in or out of hand, and openly to be brought by the Hands of the Merchants of ſuch Merchandiſes, may be bought and ſold, without the Hindrance of any one. So that for the future there be no Foreſtallers in the ſaid Town, by whom the Sellers and Buyers be hindered in making their Bargains and Sales freely,

* In *Monmouthſhire*, in *Wales*.

to the Detriment of the said Town. Wherefore We will, and firmly command for Us and Our Heirs, that the said Burgeffes of *Ipswich*, and their Heirs, Burgeffes of the said Town, may have all the Liberties aforefaid, and for the future may use the same freely, and without the Hindrance of any one for ever, as is aforefaid. And We do forbid, on Forfeiture to Us, that no one may presume to molest or disturb them, contrary to this Our Grant and Liberty. Witness, *etc.* Given under Our Hand at *Westminster*, 15 April, in the 40th Year of Our Reign."

"EDWARD, D. G. King of *England*, and Lord of *Edw. I. Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain, etc.* We therefore, ^{1291.} altho', for certain Offences and Excesses, by the said Burgeffes committed against Us, We have lately caused the Borough aforefaid, with the Appurtenances, and all the Liberties aforefaid, to be taken into Our Hand, and for some Time to be detained in Our Hand, and afterward to be restored to the said Burgeffes, paying therefore to Us by the Year, Sixty Pounds at Our Exchequer, during Our Pleasure; yet, forasmuch as Our Treasurer, and the Barons of Our Exchequer, by their Letters have given Us to understand, that We safely, and without any Prejudice to Us, may restore the Borough aforefaid, with the said Liberties, and all their other Appurtenances to the said Burgeffes, to be holden by the Payment of the Fee-Farm yearly Rent of *Sixty Pounds* at Our Exchequer; We have restored the said Borough, with all the Liberties and other Appurtenances thereof, to the said Burgeffes, willing and granting, for Us and Our Heirs, that the said Burgeffes and their Heirs, may have and hold the Borough aforefaid, with all the Liberties, and other Appurtenances thereof aforefaid, of Us and Our Heirs

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Heirs for ever, paying the aforesaid annual Fee; Farm of Sixty Pounds therefore, at Our Exchequer; that is to say, one Moiety thereof at Our Exchequer at *St. Michael*, and the other Moiety at Our Exchequer at *Easter*; and that they may use and enjoy the Liberties aforesaid henceforth for ever, as before the aforesaid Seizure of the said Borough, and the Liberties aforesaid, into Our Hand, they were accustomed to use and enjoy those reasonable Liberties. Witness, *etc.* Given under Our Hand, at *Berwick upon Tweede*, 23 June, in the Nineteenth Year of Our Reign.

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“EDWARD, D. G. King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, *etc.* Now We, ratifying and approving the Grants, Confirmations, Prohibition and Restoration aforesaid, have for Us, and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lieth, granted and confirmed them to the Burgeses of the Borough aforesaid, their Heirs and Successors, Burgeses of that Borough, as the Charters aforesaid do reasonably testify. Moreover, being willing to confer a more ample Favour upon the said Burgeses, in this Behalf, We grant to them, for Us and Our Heirs, that altho’ they, or their Predecessors, may not have hitherto used the aforesaid Liberties, or any of them, in any Emergency, the aforesaid Burgeses, their Heirs and Successors, Burgeses of the said Borough, may nevertheless, for the future, use and enjoy those Liberties, and any of them, without the Hindrance of Us or Our Heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or any other Our Bailives or Officers whatsoever. Moreover, We have for Us, and Our Heirs, granted, and by this Our Charter have confirmed, to the said Burgeses, that they and their Heirs and Successors, Burgeses of that Borough, may

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may for ever have the Liberties underwritten ; that is to say, That whereas it is contained in the said Charter of Our Progenitor *John*, “ That none of the
“ aforesaid Burgeffes shall plead out of the Borough
“ of *Ipswich*, of any Plea, but the Pleas of foreign
“ Tenures, excepting the Officers of Our Progeni-
“ tor ; and also, that as to their Tenures and Lands
“ that are within the Borough, Right shall be done
“ them according to the Custom of the Borough of
“ *Ipswich*, and the free Borough of Our said Proge-
“ nitor ;” We, for the fuller Declaration of the
Premiffes, do will and grant, that none of them
shall plead, or be impleaded, out of the said Borough,
of any Pleas of Affise, or Complaint, nor of any
Lands or Tenures, being within the said Borough,
or the Suburbs thereof, nor of any Offences, or
Contracts whatsoever, made or committed, within
the Liberties of the said Town. And that, as often
as any Affises, Juries, or Inquisitions, concerning
Tenures within the Borough, or Offences, Con-
tracts, or Felonies within the said Borough, or the
Liberties thereof, shall arise, those Affises, Juries,
and Inquisitions, shall by no Means be made by
Foreigners, but by the Burgeffes of the said Town,
unless such Matter or Fact shall concern Us, or Our
Heirs, or the Community of the said Town.

And whereas in the Charter of Our Progenitor,
it is contained, that the Burgeffes of the aforesaid
Borough, by the Common Council of their Town,
should choose two of the more lawful and discreet
Men of their Town, and should present them to
the Chief Justice of Our Progenitor, at his Exche-
quer, well and faithfully to keep the Government
of the said Borough of *Ipswich*, by Virtue whereof,
the Burgeffes of that Borough are bound to pre-
sent two such Men, so chosen by them, at Our Ex-
chequer,

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chequer, We will that they shall be for ever discharged from making such Presentment at the Exchequer of Us, and Our Heirs, and *shall by no means be obliged to make such Presentment.*

And also whereas it is contained in the said Charter of Our Progenitor, " That in the said Borough they should by the Common Council of the aforesaid Burgeses, elect Four of the more lawful and discreet Men of the Borough, to keep the Pleas of the Crown, and other Matters belonging to the Crown, in the said Borough, and to see that the Governors of that Borough behave justly and lawfully towards the Poor as well as the Rich;" We will, that from this Time, they shall be obliged to elect only *Two* such Men, to do as aforesaid.

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And whereas it is contained in the said Charter of Our aforesaid Grand-father *Henry*, " That the Burgeses of the Borough aforesaid, might choose out of themselves, and create Coroners in the Town aforesaid, to make Attachments for the Pleas of the Crown, arising within the said Town, and the Liberties thereof, and that they might appear before the Justices of Assise, of Our said Grand-father, concerning the Attachments by them made, and other Matters belonging to the Office of Coroner, as other Coroners ought to answer;" and from the Time of making the said Charter, the Burgeses of that Borough have chosen *Four* Coroners to do as aforesaid, We will, that from henceforth, they shall choose only *Two* Coroners out of themselves, to do as aforesaid, in due Form successively, as Occasion or Need shall require, and that they *Two* shall be admitted to do all the Matters aforesaid.

Also, whereas the Burgeses aforesaid, and their Predecessors, have hitherto had the Custody of the Prisoners

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Prisoners indicted or arrested in the said Borough, and the Suburbs of the same, and were answerable for the Escape of such Prisoners when it should happen; We will, that no one indicted in the said Borough, or the Liberties thereof, or there taken or arrested, for whatever Offence or Cause it be, shall be imprisoned any where but in our Prison in the Liberties of the said Borough, but all there indicted, taken, and arrested, shall be imprisoned in that Prison, and detained, and by the Bailives of the said Town kept, until they be discharged according to the Law and Custom of our Kingdom, unless for some reasonable Cause they shall be removed from thence, by the special Precept of Us, or Our Heirs, or also by the Precept of the Keeper of Our Forest for the Time being, if they should happen to be indicted for any Offence of the Forest, and for that Reason taken and imprisoned. And that the Burgeffes of the aforesaid Borough, and the Heirs and Successors of the Burgeffes thereof, may be for ever quit of *Murage*, *Piccage*, *Anchorage*, *Strandage*, and *Segeage* of all their Goods and Merchandises, throughout our Kingdom, and Dominions, and Sea-Ports. And that no Person shall meet the Merchants, or Others, coming with Goods and vendible Merchandises, towards our said Town of *Ipswich*, by Land or by Water, to stop or buy them, until such Goods and Merchandises be brought to certain Places, within the said Town appointed for the Sale of such vendible Commodities, nor shall they forestall any of those Commodities, on pain of a grievous Fine to us. Witness, *etc.* Given under our Hand at *Westminster*, 20 May, in the Tenth Year of our Reign, *i. e.* 1317.

The Former Charters were confirmed by an *In-2* Ed. III. *speximus* of Edward the Third, dated at *Walton*, 1339.

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1 July, in the Twelfth Year of his Reign, *i. e.*
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- 2 Rich. II. RICHARD the Second confirmed the foregoing
1378. Charters, as the Burgesſes of *Ipswich* had hitherto
used and enjoyed them, and his Charter adds as fol-
lows :—“ And our beloved Subjects of the Town
“ aforesaid have besought Us, that Whereas, they
“ and their Predecessors, by Virtue of the Charters
“ and Confirmation aforesaid, from the Time of
“ the making thereof, have hitherto always had
“ and taken Cognizance of all Pleas concerning
“ Lands, Tenements, and Rents, as well by Writ
“ of Assise as by other Writs ; and also Cognizance
“ of Pleas, Trespasses, Debts, Compacts, Contracts,
“ Covenants of Assise, Fresh Force, and other
“ Pleas whatsoever, arising in the said Town ; and
“ very often Dissentions have arisen among the said
“ Burgesſes, and Justice has also been retarded, be-
“ cause such Cognizance has not been granted with
“ Certainty to some Officers of the said Town, and
“ that we would be graciously pleased to grant such
“ Cognizance to the Bailives of the said Town an-
“ nually to be chosen by the said Burgesſes for the
“ Time being ; We, consenting to the Request of
“ the said Burgesſes in this behalf, of Our especial
“ Favour, with the Assent of Our Council, and for
“ *Fifty Shillings*, which the said Burgesſes shall pay
“ to Us in the *Chanaper* of Our Chancery, have
“ granted, for Us and Our Heirs, to the said Burges-
“ ſes and their Successors for ever, that the Bailives
“ of the said Town annually chosen, and to be cho-
“ sen, by the Burgesſes of the same for the Time
“ being, may have and take Cognizance of all
“ manner of Pleas concerning Lands, Tenements,
“ and Rents, as well by Writs of Assise as by the
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“ other Writs of Us and Our Heirs, and also Cognizance of Pleas concerning Trespasses, Debts, Compacts, Contracts, Covenants of Assise, Fresh Force*, and all other Pleas whatsoever arising within the said Town, as fully and wholly, and so as the said Burgessees, by Virtue of the Charters and Confirmations beforementioned, always hitherto, from the Time of making thereof, have been accustomed to have and take Cognizance of such Pleas. Witness, &c. Given under Our Hand at *Westminster*, 10 Aug. in the Second Year of Our Reign.”

Confirmed again by *Richard II.* altho’ the Bur-³ Ric. II. gesses of *Ipswich* might have neglected to use the ^{1379.} Liberties before granted by a Charter, dated at *Westminster*, 26 February, in the Third Year of his Reign.

EDWARD D. G. King of *England* and *France*, and³ Ed. IV. Lord of *Ireland*, &c. Now We confirm, &c. as ^{1464.} afore said. And further, Forasmuch as of our certain Knowledge the afore said Burgessees of Our Town of *Ipswich* are excessively burthened by the annual Payment of the Farm, which they and their Successors are bound to pay to Us, and Our Heirs, for the said Town, and are thereby so much impoverished, that they cannot support or pay the annual Payment of that Farm, nor will they, for the future, be able, without Our especial Favour exhibited to them in this Behalf; of Our more ample Favour, certain

* *Frisca Forcia*, or *Fresh Force*, is a Force newly done in any City, Borough, &c. If a Person be disseised of any Lands or Tenements within such a City or Borough, he who hath a Right to the Land, &c. by the Usage and Custom of such Borough, may bring his Assise, or Bill, of *Fresh Force*, within Forty Days after the Force committed, and recover the Lands.

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Knowledge, and mere Motion, and for the especial Relief of the said Town, and in Support of the Payment of the Farm aforesaid, We have granted, and by these Presents do grant, to the said Burgeses, and their Successors, from this Time for ever, may be a Free Borough corporate, in Deed and in Name, of Two Bailives of the Town of *Ipswich*, and the Burgeses of the said Town; and that the said Bailives and Burgeses be for ever a perpetual Community corporate, in Deed and in Name, and may have perpetual Succession, and they and their Successors shall be named and called by the Names of *The Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Town of Ipswich*, and by those Names they may implead others, and be impleaded by others, in any of our Courts, or of Our Heirs, or any other whatsoever; and may have a Common Seal, to be kept for the Business of the said Town. And that the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, may be Persons able and capable in Law to purchase Lands, and Tenements, in Fee and Perpetuity, to them and their Successors. And that in every Year for Ever, on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin *Mary* [Sept. 8.] in the *Gild-Hall* of the said Town of *Ipswich*, the said Burgeses, and their Successors, may elect, *from among themselves, Two Burgeses* of the Town aforesaid, for Bailiffs of the said Town, who may exercise that Office * *for one Year from thence next following*,

* The Words of the Original are, *pro uno anno ex tunc proxime sequenti*. The Bailives therefore, by this Charter, are to be sworn into their Office on the said 8th Day of *September*, on which they are annually chosen, and to continue in their Office until the next 8th of *September* thence following, which completes the Year of their Baliwick.

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for the safe and wholesome Government of the said Town.

We have also granted to the Burgeffes of the said Town, and their Successors, That the said Persons so chosen, and their Successors, and *Four other Burgeffes of the said Town*, whom the said Bailives for the Time being, and their Successors, at this Time of choosing those Bailives, or otherwise, shall please to elect and nominate *out of the Twelve Portmen* of the said Town, and their Successors, for every such Year, may be from that Time for ever, Keepers of our Peace, and Justices of Us, and Our Heirs, to keep the Peace, and cause it to kept within the Town aforesaid, and the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof. And that *They, Five, Four, Three, or Two* of them, may hear and determine all Felonies, Oppressions, Trespasses, Extortions, Contempts, * *Riots, Routs*, Conspiracies, and other Misdemeanors whatsoever, within the said Town of *Ipswich*, and the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, howsoever done or committed: And also to inquire of, and upon the Premisses, and all Articles of Statutes concerning Labourers, and Artificers, and Liberty *Pannorum et Capiciorum*, Forcible Entries into Lands and Tenements, and other Statutes whatsoever, that are to be inquired of by Justices of the Peace elsewhere within our Kingdom of *England*, and to hear and determine all and singular those Things which belong to the Justices of the Peace to do, as fully and wholly as the Keepers of the Peace and Justices assigned, and to be assigned, to hear and determine divers Fe-

* A *Riot* is, when three or more Persons assembled, do some unlawful Act. A *Rout* is, when three or more assemble for some unlawful Purpose, but part without doing it.

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lonies, Trespasses, and other Misdemeanors, and the Justices of Servants, Labourers, and Artificers in the County of *Suffolk*, without the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, and the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, have, or shall have, or any way for the future shall ought to have. And that all Writs, Precepts, and other Warrants to be made for the Premises, or any of them, be directed to the Officers of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being, and be executed by them without any Writ, Precept, or Warrant, of the Sheriff or Coronor of the County of *Suffolk*, being directed in any wise therefore. And that no other Keepers of our Peace, or Justices of Us, and Our Heirs, assigned, or to be assigned, to hear and determine Felonies, Trespasses, or other Misdemeanors, nor any one of them, besides the aforesaid Justices of the Peace within the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, for the Time being, shall in any wise interfere within the said Town, or the Liberties, Suburbs, or Precincts of the same, nor without the same, concerning such Felonies, Trespasses, and other Misdemeanors whatsoever, or the abovementioned Articles, against the Form of any Statutes, howsoever done, or arising, within the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, or the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, shall they, or any one of them, inquire in any wise, nor shall they or any one of them, in any manner intrude themselves to do any thing that belongs to the Office of a Keeper, or Justice of the Peace, within the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, or the Liberties, Suburbs, or Precincts of the same.

Moreover, We, for Us and Our Heirs, have granted to the said Bailives, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, That they for ever may have all, and all Manner of Fines, Issues, Forfeitures, and

and Things to be forfeited, Amercements, Deperdits, and Forfeitures whatsoever, before the said Justices and Keepers of the Peace for the Time being, in their Sessions's to be forfeited, adjudged, or assessed, within the said Town of *Ipswich*. And all, and all manner of Fines, Issues, Amercements, Penalties, Redemptions, Deperdits, Forfeitures of all and singular the Persons inhabiting within the Town, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid, resident and not resident, holding wholly or in part, as well of those that now are, as of those that in any Time hereafter shall be, in any and whatsoever Courts of Us, and Our Heirs, as well before Us, and Our Heirs, in Our Chancery, and before Us and Our Heirs in Our Bench, Our Justices of the Common Pleas, and also Our Treasurer and the Barons of Our Exchequer, the Justices of Assise, the Steward and Mareschal of Our Household, and all other Justices and Commissioners of Us and Our Heirs whatsoever, in whatsoever Courts, or on what Account soever forfeited or to be forfeited, assessed or to be assessed, imposed or to be imposed, had, levied, and received: All and every such Fines, Issues, Amercements, Penalties, and Redemptions, Deperdits, and Forfeitures to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, by themselves, or their Servants, towards the Aid, Relief, and Support of the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, in paying the Fee-Farm which they are bound to pay to Us, and Our Heirs, for the said Town, and in Aid of the heavy Burthens that every Day are coming upon and oppressing the said Town. And moreover, for Us, and Our Heirs, We do grant to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, all Goods and Chattles

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Chattles that are called *Waifes* * and *Straies*, and the Goods and Chattles called *Mayner* †, and all and all Manner of Goods and Chattles of all Felons convicted in any Courts of Us, or Our Heirs, of any Felony or Treason, or to be convicted, condemned or to be condemned, Felons de se, Felons Fugitive, and of any Persons outlawed or to be outlawed, waifed or to be waifed, and of those who for Felony or Treason are, or are *to be put in Exigent* ‡, and all other Goods and Chattles whatsoever, in any manner to Us or Our Heirs forfeited or to be forfeited, confiscated or to be confiscated, within the Town of *Ipswich*, &c. in any manner found or to be found or being. And if any such Person, resident, not resident, holding, inhabiting, and not inhabiting, within those Liberties or Precincts, shall commit any Offence, or fly and not stand Judgment, or commit any other Crime, for which he ought to lose Life or Limb, wherefover Judgment ought to be had upon him, whether in Our Court before Us and Our Heirs, or before Our Justices of Assise, Our Steward and Mareschal of Our Household, or any other Justices and Commissioners of Us, and Our Heirs, all Goods and Chattles of such Persons holding, residing and not residing, inhabiting and not inhabiting, within the Town, Liberties, and Pre-

* *Waifes* are properly the Goods of a Felon (either such as he stole, or his own proper Goods) that he drops, loses, or leaves behind him, when he is flying from Justice. These were forfeited to the King, unless sued for in a particular Manner.

† *Mayner*. When a Thief is followed with Hue and Cry, and hath the Thing found upon him that he stole, this is called the *Mayner*.

‡ *Put in Exigent*. When a Felon or Traitor cannot be found, the Writ requireth Proclamation to be made on so many County Days, and if he doth not appear after the last Proclamation, he is outlawed.

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cinets aforesaid shall belong to the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for ever.

And that the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty of the said Town of *Ipswich*, shall for ever, as well in the Presence of Us and Our Heirs, as in our Absence, make and have the Assize, Assay, Emendation, and Regulation of Bread, Wine, and Ale, and of all other Victuals, Measures, and Weights, and all other Things whatsoever that belong to the Office of Clerk of Our Market, and the Household of Us and Our Heirs, within the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid; and shall do and perform all and every thing that belongs to the Office of Clerk of the Market to do and perform, when, and as often as Occasion or Need shall be, as fully and wholly as any Clerk of the Market of Us or Our Heirs might do and perform, or ought to do and perform, if this Our present Grant had not been made.

We have also granted to the said Bailives and Commonalty, and their Successors for ever, the Authority and Power of doing and executing, within the said Town of *Ipswich*, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, all and singular the Things that belong to Our *Admiral* and * *Escheator*, or to the Office of Admiral or Escheator to perform, by the Bailives aforesaid, for the Time being; so that no Clerk of the Market of Our Household, nor of Our Heirs, nor Our Admiral of *England*, nor the Stewards and Mareschals of the Household of Us and Our Heirs, nor any Escheator of Us or Our Heirs in the

* An *Escheat* is when a Tenant in Fee-Simple is convicted of Felony, his Effects are forfeited and escheated to the King; and the Escheator was the Officer who looked after these Escheats, and certified them into the Exchequer.

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County of *Suffolk*, nor any of them, nor any Deputy or Servant of any of them, shall enter, or sit within the said Town of *Ipswich*, and the Liberties, Suburbs, or Precincts of the same, to enquire of any Matters or Things belonging to their aforesaid Offices, or any of them; nor shall they enquire, or cause Enquiry to be made, concerning any things done, or hereafter to be done, or happening or arising within the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, or the Liberties, Suburbs, or Precincts of the same, under any Pretence: *Nor shall they, or any of them, intrude themselves in any Manner, nor prosecute any Burgessees of that Town, nor any Persons residing within the said Town, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts, out of the said Town,* for any Matters happening or arising within the said Town, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts, for the future, in any Manner whatsoever. And it shall be lawful for the said Bailives, Burgessees, and Commonalty, and their Successors, to resist such Clerk of the Market, Admiral, Escheator, Steward, and Mareschal, and any of them, and their Deputies and Servants, and any of them, pretending to execute or perform any thing belonging to their Offices, within the Borough, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts aforesaid, by Land or by Water; and by no means to permit him or them to perform any Office there, or in any Manner to exercise the same, without the Hindrance of Us or Our Heirs, or any other Persons whatsoever.

And moreover, of Our more abundant Favour, we have granted to the said Bailives, Burgessees, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that they, in the Courts of Us and our Heirs, at the Pleas to be holden, as well before Us and Our Heirs, in Our Bench, and before Our Justices in the Common Pleas, as before any other Justices of Us and
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Our Heirs, may have Cognizance of all, and all Manner of Pleas, real, personal, and mixed, as well of Assizes, Juries, Attaints, Certificates, as of any other Pleas whatsoever; as well of all Lands and Tenements within the said Town of *Ipswich*, the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same, as of all Dues, Compositions, Covenants, Trespasses, and all other Matters and Causes whatsoever within the said Town, Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts, in any way whatever arising or happening; and that they the Bailives and Burgeses, and their Successors, by the Bailives aforesaid, for the Time being, may prosecute, ask, and have Cognizance of all Pleas in the Courts aforesaid, and every of them, and all those Pleas may determine, according to the Law and Custom of Our Kingdom of *England*, in the Court before the said Bailives for the Time being, within the Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, to be held, and do Justice to the Parties thereupon, altho' the said Bailives and Burgeses, and their Successors, or any one of them, be Parties concerned in such Pleas, or Writs, or any of them; and tho' the said Pleas, or Writs, should concern Us or Our Heirs in any Manner: We have also granted, for Us and Our Heirs, and by this Our Charter have confirmed to the said Bailives and Burgeses, and their Successors, that it may be well lawful for the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, by themselves or their Deputies, to put themselves into full *Seisin* and Possession of all and singular the Premises, and all and every of them to have, levy, and receive, to them and their Successors, without paying any thing therefore to Us or Our Heirs: And they may have due Allowance in any Courts of Us or Our Heirs, from Time to Time, on shewing these Presents, without any Writ

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from Us or Our Heirs to be executed thereupon, without Let, Hindrance, or Disturbance of Us or Our said Heirs, or of Our Justices, Treasurers, and Barons of Our Exchequer, the Steward and Mareschal of Our Household, or other Our Justices, Officers, or Servants, whatsoever.

And further, of Our aforesaid Favour, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We have, for Us and Our Heirs, granted to the said Bailives and Commonalty, and their Successors, that no one of them, residing or dwelling within the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, from henceforth shall be put or impannelled, against his Will, in any Assize, Juries, Inquisitions, Attaints, or Recognizances whatsoever, nor shall be made Assessor, Taxer, or Collector of Tenths, Fifteenths, or other Taxes, Impositions, or Subsidies whatsoever, to Us or Our Heirs, in any Manner granted, or to be granted, or of any Part or Parcel of them, or any of them; or Collector of the reasonable Aid, to be made at the knighting of the eldest Son of Us or Our Heirs, or at the Marriage of Our eldest Daughter, out of the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid; nor shall he be appointed or assigned Constable, Bailiff, or any other Officer or Servant of Us or our Heirs, without the same Borough, Liberties, and Precincts; nor shall be compelled or constrained to execute any Office or Burthen above recited, nor to do, receive, or occupy any other Office against his Will, in any Manner, without the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid. And altho' any one of the aforesaid Bailives and Commonalty, or their Successors, dwelling and residing within the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, should against his Will be put, impannelled, or returned in any such Assizes, Juries, In-

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Inquisitions, Attaints, or other Recognizances whatsoever, without the Borough, Liberties, and Precincts aforesaid, or should be chosen to any Office or Burthen aforesaid, or any other Office or Burthen without the said Borough, Liberties, and Precincts, and shall before Our Justices or other Commissioners or Officers of Us and Our Heirs, before whom such Assizes, Juries, Inquisitions, Attaints, or Recognizances shall happen to be summoned or returned, refuse to come and appear, or in the said Assizes, Juries, Inquisitions, Attaints, or Recognizances, to be tried or sworn, or to execute, receive, or perform the said Offices or Burthens, such Persons so refusing shall not in any Manner incur any Contempt, Amercement, Penalty, Forfeiture, or Deperdit on those Occasions, or any of them, to Us or Our Heirs; but shall therefore, as well before any Justices of Us and Our Heirs, as before Our Treasurer and the Barons of Our Exchequer, and in any other Place of Record, or other Commissioners or Officers of Us and Our Heirs, throughout Our Kingdom of *England*, be quit and discharged for ever; altho' express Mention be not made in these Presents of the true annual Value, or any other Value of the Premisses, or of other Gifts and Grants to the aforesaid Bailives, Burgessees, and Commonalty of *Ipswich*, before these Times made, or any Act, Statute, Ordinance, Usage Custom, or Promise to the contrary, made, ordained, used, or promised, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, notwithstanding. Witness, &c. Given under our Hand at *Westminster*, 18 *March*, in the Third Year of Our Reign."

All the former Charters were confirmed by an *Inspeximus* of *Henry VII.* dated at *Westminster*, 20 *Jan.* in the Third Year of his Reign.

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HENRY VIII. gave the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of *Ipswich* Licence to purchase and receive Lands, &c. to the Value of 50*l.* per Ann. Witness Himſelf at *Westminster*, 25 Nov. in the Third Year of his Reign. He alſo confirmed all the former Grants, &c. by an *Inſpeximus*, dated at *Westminster*, 12 March following.

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1518. " HENRY D. G. &c. Whereas Our Beloved the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of our Town of *Ipswich*, in our County of *Suffolk*, and their Predeceſſors, have had many and various Franchiſes, Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities, by the Charters and Grants of Our Lord *Edward*, late King of *England*, Our Grandfather, and divers others of Our Anceſtors, formerly Kings of *England*, to the ſaid Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Predeceſſors, heretofore made; and the ſaid Bailives and their Predeceſſors have for a long Time paid at Our Exchequer for the ſaid Town, to Us and Our ſaid Anceſtors, a certain Farm of Sixty Pounds, which Farm of Sixty Pounds the preſent Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of the Town aforeſaid, and their Predeceſſors, are found to pay at Our Exchequer for the ſaid Town, to Us and Our Heirs, as in the ſaid Charters and Grants is more fully contained; which ſaid Charters and Grants of Our ſaid Grandfather, and other Our Anceſtors, and all and ſingular the Things contained and ſpecified in the ſaid Charters and Grants; We, by Our Letters Patent of the 12th of *March*, in the Third Year of Our Reign, have accepted, ratified, and confirmed, as in Our ſaid Letters Patent is more fully contained. And whereas Our aforeſaid Grandfather, by his Charter, which, as is before related, we have confirmed, hath granted to the

the Bailives and Burgesſes of the Town aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, among other Liberties, Franchiſes, Privileges, and Immunities, in the ſaid Charter contained and ſpecified, “ Authority and Power “ of doing and executing, within the ſaid Town of “ *Ipfwich*, &c. all and ſingular the Things which “ belong to the *Admiral*, or to the Office of *Ad-* “ *miral* there, by the Bailives of the Town aforeſaid, “ for the Time being, to be done ; ſo that no *Ad-* “ *miral* of Our ſaid Grandfather, or of his Heirs, “ nor any Deputy or Deputies, or Servants of ſuch “ *Admiral*, ſhould enter the ſaid Town or Liber- “ ties, &c. to do there any Matter or Thing be- “ longing to the Office of *Admiral*, nor ſhould in- “ trude himſelf or themſelves within the ſaid Town “ or Liberties, &c. concerning any thing that be- “ longs to the Office of *Admiral*: And that it might “ be lawful for the Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Com- “ monalty, and their Succeſſors, to reſiſt any “ ſuch *Admiral*, and his Deputies and Servants, and “ any of them, who ſhould attempt to execute or “ perform any thing belonging to their Office, by “ Land or by Water, within the Borough, &c. a- “ foreſaid ; and by no means to permit him or them “ to exerciſe their Office there, without the Hin- “ drance of Our ſaid Grandfather, or of his Heirs, “ or of any other Perſons whomſoever ;” as in the ſaid Charter of Our ſaid Grandfather is more fully contained.

And whereas the Port of our Town, and the Water running to and from the ſaid Port, as the Caſe happens by the Flowing and Ebbing of the Sea, towards the South-eaſt, to a certain Place called *Polleſhened*, otherwiſe *Polleſhed*, and alſo all the Land and Soil, which by ſuch Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea ſhould at any Time be overflowed, or covered

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vered with Water, are known to be, and to have been, Time out of mind, within the Liberties of the Town aforesaid; and the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of the Town aforesaid, and their Predeceſſors, have had, and have been accuſtomed to have, their aforesaid Liberties, as the Caſe required, as well in the Port aforesaid, and upon the Water aforesaid, and alſo upon the Land and Soil aforesaid, ſometimes overflowed and covered with Water by the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea, as we are credibly informed: Nevertheless, ſome evil-minded Perſons, under Pretence that in the ſaid Charter of Our ſaid Grandfather, nor in the aforesaid Charters of Our ſaid Anceſtors, it is not ſaid that the Ports and Current of the Water aforesaid, and the Land and Soil aforesaid, ſometimes overflowed by the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea, is within, and of the Liberties of the ſaid Town; and under Pretence of the Ambiguity and Doubt by themſelves in this Caſe craftily alledged, have oftentimes already moleſted and diſturbed the Bailives and Burgesſes of the Town aforesaid, from uſing and enjoying their Liberties there, to the Damage of the ſaid Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, as we have heard.

We, for the ſingular Affection which we bear towards the ſaid Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and being willing wholly to expel, and take away, and remove, all and every ſuch Ambiguities and Doubts for the future, and alſo to deſtroy and finally to determine the Certainty of ſuch Ambiguities and Doubts, do declare and notify to all and ſingular Our faithful Subjects, that the Port aforesaid, and Water running by the Flowing and Ebbing of the Sea from the ſaid Port towards the South eaſt, unto the ſaid Place called *Polleſhened*,
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alias *Polleshed*, and also the aforesaid Land and Soil sometimes overflowed and covered with Water, by the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea, was, and is within the Liberty and Franchise, and of the Liberty and Franchise of the Town aforesaid: And the said Port, Water, and Course of Water, and the aforesaid Land and Soil, by the Flowing and Ebbing of the Sea, sometimes overflowed and covered with Water, altho' they were not heretofore within the Liberty, Franchise, and Privileges of the said Town; We do by these Presents annex and unite them to the said Town, as Parcel of the said Town, and within the Liberties and Franchise of the same, to have and to hold the same, to them and their Successors, as Parcel of the Town aforesaid, and within the Liberties and Franchise of the same for ever. And that the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall have and enjoy all and singular the Liberties, Franchises, Authorities, Privileges, Jurisdictions, and Immunities, to them and their Successors, that were granted to them and their Predecessors, or any of them, by Our said Grandfather, or any other of Our Ancestors, late Kings of *England*, by the Charters or Charter of any of Our Ancestors (which we, by Our Letters of Confirmation aforesaid, have accepted, ratified, and confirmed) contained and specified, as well in the said Water, or Course of Water, and the Land and Soil aforesaid, sometimes overflowed and covered with Water, by the Ebbing and flowing of the Sea, as in all and singular the other Places whatsoever within the Town, Precincts, Suburbs, Liberties, and Franchises aforesaid, according to the Form of the Charters and Grants aforesaid, as they have been heretofore used and enjoyed.

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And further, We, of Our more abundant Favour, to the intent that the said Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, may the more ſecurely and freely, without Ambiguity, Queſtion, or Doubt, have the Office of Our *Admiral*, and of the Admiral of our Heirs, within the Liberties, Precincts, and Franchiſes aforeſaid, and all Things that belong to the Office of *Admiral*, as well upon the Sea, and Coaſts of the Sea, as elſewhere within the Liberties, Franchiſes, and Precincts aforeſaid, do grant to the preſent Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, by theſe Preſents, That the Bailives of the ſaid Town, for the Time being, ſhall be Our *Admirals*, and the *Admirals* of Our Heirs, for and within the whole Town, Precincts, Suburbs, Water, and Courſe of Water; and the ſaid Land and Soil, ſometimes overflowed and covered with Water by the Tides, or hereafter to be overflowed or covered; And they ſhall do, and execute, all and ſingular the Things that belong, or can belong, to the Office of *Admiral*, as well upon the Sea, and the Shore of the Sea, as elſewhere within the Limits, Liberties, and Precincts above ſpecified, in as ample Manner and Form as any *Admiral* of *England*, in any Place, has been accuſtomed to do and execute, or ought to do in any Manner; So that no *Admiral* of Us or Our Heirs, nor any Deputy, or Deputies, or Servants of any ſuch *Admiral* within the ſaid Town, or the Liberties, Suburbs, Precincts, Water, Courſe of Water, Land, or Soil, overflowed, or covered with Water by the Tides as aforeſaid, for any Thing, Matter, or Cauſe whatever, that belongs to the Office of *Admiral* to do, ſhall enter, nor ſhall he intrude himſelf to do any Thing that belongs to the Office of *Admiral*, upon any Account, or in any Manner.

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And moreover, We, out of Our more ample Favour, towards the Relief and Increase of the said Town, which, as it is said, is divers Ways impoverished, and in Aid of the Payment of their said Farm of 60 *l.* yearly to be paid to Us, and Our Heirs as aforesaid, by these Presents do give and grant for Us, and Our Heirs, unto the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, Wreck of the Sea, and all Goods and Chattles that are called *Wrecks*, * *Fletson* and *Jetson*; and also, all Goods and Merchandizes lost in the Sea, and thrown out of the Sea, and all other Goods and Chattles that belong, or ought, or can belong to the *Admiral*, or to his Officer, within the said Port and Water, and Land, and Soil aforesaid, by the Tide as is aforesaid, flooded or covered with Water, or hereafter to be flooded or covered with Water, in any Manner happening, or then in the Sea, or upon the Coast of the Sea, found or to be found; and also all and singular the Goods and Chattles of *Felons de se*, and also the Goods and Chattles called *Deodands* †, within the Liberties, Franchises, and Precincts of the Town aforesaid, and in and within the said Port, Course of Water, Land and Soil, by the Tide as aforesaid, flooded or covered with Water, or hereafter to be flooded or covered, without paying any Thing to Us or Our Heirs for the Premisses, or any of them.

Know Ye, moreover, that We, of our Favour aforesaid, and of Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, for Us and Our Heirs, have granted by

* *Fletson*, were the Goods that float out of a Ship that has foundered at Sea. *Jetson*, were Goods thrown out of a Ship in Distress by the Sailors to lighten her.

† When a Person is killed accidentally, the Thing or Beast that kills him is forfeited, and called the *Deodand*.

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these Presents to the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, *That no Foreigner or Alien, nor any other Perſon who is not of the Liberty aforeſaid, and a Freeman, and admitted a Burgeſs of the Town aforeſaid, and a Contributor with the Burgeſſes and Freemen of the ſame Liberty for the Time being, to all Things that are to be paid for that Town, and the common Utility thereof, ſhall buy any Wares or Merchandize, or any other Goods or Chattles within the Town, Liberties, Places, and Limits aforeſaid, of any other Foreigner or Alien, to ſell again to any Perſon in Groſs or by Retail; nor ſhall otherwiſe negotiate, buy, or ſell, unleſs ſuch Merchandizes, Goods, and Chattles ſo negotiated, bought or ſold, be for the proper Uſe of the Buyer or Seller himſelf, and for the Uſe of his own Houſhold or Family, to be applied and expoſed under the Penalty of forfeiting all ſuch Merchandizes, and other Goods and Chattles within the Town, Liberties, Places and Limits aforeſaid, againſt the Form aforeſaid negotiated, bought or ſold, in whoſe Hands ſoever ſuch Merchandizes or Wares, Goods or Chattles ſhall be found; And all and ſingular the ſaid Merchandize, Wares, Goods, or Chattles, bought, or ſold againſt the Form aforeſaid, as is aforeſaid, forfeited, or to be forfeited, We give and grant by theſe Presents, to the Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors.*

We have alſo, for Us and Our Heirs, by theſe Presents, granted to the aforeſaid Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, for the wholeſome Government of the ſaid Town; That if any Uſages or Ordinances in the Town and Liberties aforeſaid, hitherto obtained or uſed, ſhall in any Part be difficult or defective, or want any Amendment

mendment or Reformation, or if any Case shall happen in the said Town and Liberties, *etc.* to arise anew, where no Remedy was before provided, the Bailives and Burgeſſes for the Time being, or at least the greater and sounder Number of them, according to their sound Discretions, shall provide, ordain and establish, a proper Remedy, consonant to good Faith and Reason, for the common Utility and Prosperity of the Town aforesaid, and of the Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, and also of Our other faithful People resorting to the said Town, as often as, and whensoever it shall seem to them convenient. Provided nevertheless, that such Reformations and Ordinances be useful to Us and Our People, and agreeable to good Faith and Reason as aforesaid. And that the said Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall have all and singular the Liberties and Privileges aforesaid, and also the said Ordinances and Traditions, established or to be established, made or to be made, recorded in any of Our Courts whatsoever, and allowed to them. And all and singular the Premises, We give and grant to the said Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, to have and to hold, to use and enjoy them, to them and their Successors for ever, without any Account, or for any other Thing being done or paid to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, for the Premises, or any of them. Wherefore, We, for Us and Our Successors, do will and grant, that the said Bailives, Burgeſſes and Commonalty, and their Successors, shall have and hold all and singular the Liberties, Privileges, Authorities, Franchises, and other Premises fully and wholly, without Molestation or Disturbance of Our Vice-Admiral, Escheator, Bailives or other Officers, and Ministers of Us or Our Heirs whatsoever.

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And that no Vice-Admiral, Escheator, Bailive, Officer or Minister of Us, or Our Heirs, shall molest or disturb the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty of the Town aforeſaid for the Time being, or any of them in any Manner, under the Penalty of forfeiting Ten Pounds; which we will, ſhall be levied out of the Goods and Chattles of any ſuch Disturber, to the Uſe of the ſaid Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors. Altho' expreſs Mention, *etc.* In Witneſs whereof, *etc.* Witneſs Myſelf at *Hampton-Court*, 3 *March*, in the Tenth Year of Our Reign, 1518."

1548. The ſaid Charters were confirmed by an *Inſpeximus* of *Edward VIth*, dated at *Westminster*, 8 *July*, in the Firſt Year of his Reign, 1548.

1560. And by *Queen Elizabeth*, by an *Inſpeximus* dated at *Westminster*, 23 *September*, in the 2d Year of her Reign, 1560. She alſo gave a Charter to the Town relating to *the School*, in the 8th Year of her Reign, and another for *Chriſt's Hoſpital*, in the 14th Year of her Reign. Theſe are tranſlated in the Account of the Gifts and Legacies.

1605. All which were confirmed by an *Inſpeximus* of *James the Firſt*, dated at *Westminster*, 3 *April*, in the Second Year of his Reign. And they were confirmed by an *Inſpeximus* of *Charles the Firſt*, dated at *Westminster*, 11 *March*, in the Tenth Year of his Reign.

17 Charles II, 1665. " CHARLES the Second, *etc.* Whereas Our Town or Borough of *Ipswich*, in Our County of *Suffolk*, is an ancient and populous Borough, and has for many Ages paſt been a Corporation or Body corporate and politick; And whereas the Burgesſes and Inhabitants of Our ſaid Town or Borough, *etc.* at preſent, by the Name of the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Com-

Commonalty, and their Successors, have, hold, use, and enjoy, and heretofore by divers other Names throughout the whole Time abovementioned, have had, held, exercised, used, and enjoyed, divers Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Customs, Powers, Immunities, Preeminences, Lands, Tenements, Possessions, and other Hereditaments; And whereas, as well by Force and Virtue of divers Charters, Letters Patent, Grants and Confirmations by Our dearest Father *Charles* the First, late King of *England*, of blessed Memory, and divers others Our Ancestors, Kings and Queens, of this Our Kingdom of *England*, heretofore made, granted, ratified and confirmed, as by Reason and Virtue of divers laudable and ancient Prescriptions in the said Town or Borough, throughout the Time aforesaid used and approved, they have been possessed of and endowed with the same: And whereas Our beloved Subjects the present Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors aforesaid, have humbly besought Us, for the Advantage and better governing of the Town and Borough aforesaid, that We would be graciously pleased to exhibit and extend our Royal Favour and Munificence to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, as well in ratifying the Body Corporate aforesaid, and the ancient Liberties, Privileges, and Customs of the Town or Borough aforesaid, as in granting such other Liberties and Privileges as shall seem to Us most expedient for the public Good, and the better governing the said Town or Borough.

Know Ye, that We, graciously intending the Advancement of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and the prosperous Condition of Our People there, and being willing that the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty of that Town or Borough may be armed
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and endowed with convenient Powers and Privileges, as well for the due Correction and Amendment of Evils and Inconveniencies, as for the good Regimen and Government of the said Town or Borough, of Our especial Grace, and of Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have willed, ordained, granted and confirmed, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do will, ordain, grant, and confirm to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors aforesaid, the Corporation and Body Corporate aforesaid, and all, and all Manner of Liberties, Free-customs, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Acquittances, and Jurisdictions of the Town and Borough aforesaid whatsoever, and also all and singular the same and such like Lands, Tenements, Markets, Fairs, Customs, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Immunities, Acquittances, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, and their Predecessors, or any of them, by whatsoever Names they were distinguished or called, and by whatever Names, or by whatever Incorporation, or under Virtue of whatever Incorporation they were heretofore incorporated, have lawfully had, held, used or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use or enjoy the same, by Reason or Virtue of any Charters or Letters Patent by Our most Dear Father aforesaid, or by any one or more of Our Ancestors, late Kings or Queens, of *England*, or of *any other Person or Persons* whatsoever, in any Manner heretofore made, granted, or confirmed, or by any other legal Manner, Right, Usage, Use, Prescription, or Title heretofore lawfully used, had, enjoyed or accustomed by these Presents, by no Means annihilated, changed or diminished. And that it may and shall be

lawful for the aforesaid Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, to have, hold, exerciſe, uſe, and enjoy all and all Manner of ſuch Liberties, Free-cuſtoms, Franchiſes, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurifdictions, and other the Premiſſes aforesaid, above confirmed by theſe Preſents in Form aforesaid, in as ample Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as they have in Times paſt had, held, uſed, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, uſed, or enjoyed the ſame.

And for the better Execution and Exerciſe thereof, We have aſſigned, nominated, conſtituted, and confirmed, and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and confirm, Our right truſty and well beloved Couſin *James*, Earl of *Suffolk*, now *Higb Steward* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, Our beloved Subjects *Robert Sparrow* and *John Wright*, Gentlemen, now *Bailives* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and Our beloved Subjects *Sir Emanuel Sorrel* Knight, *John Smithier*, *Nicholas Phillips* Gentlemen, *Andrew Sorrel* Eſq. *John Robinson*, *Robert Sparrowe*, *John Wright*, *Richard Jones*, *Thomas Burrough*, *Gilbert Linfield*, *Miles Walleis*, and *Henry Goſnold*, Gentlemen, now the *Twelve Portmen* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and Our beloved Subjects *Thomas Reeve*, *Thomas Wright*, *Robert Ridnal*, *Henry Coſens*, *Thomas Griggs*, *Edward Keene*, *William Feaſt*, *Charles Wright*, *John Pemberton*, *William Cooke*, *Joſeph Haymer*, *John Lawyer*, *William Carew*, alias *Cooke*, *Thomas Herne*, *Edward Reighnolds*, *John Firmin*, *James Goodwyne*, *Anthony Applewhite*, *John Burrough*, *Richard Cloxton*, *Samuel Coleman*, *Robert Hornigold*, *John Reeve*, and *George Copping*, the now *Twenty four Chief Conſtables* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, in *Engliſh*, commonly called the *Four and Twenty*; and Our beloved Sub-

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jects *Thomas Reeve* and *Thomas Wright*, now *Coroners* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and all and every Officer and Officers of the Town or Borough and Corporation aforesaid, for and in their several Offices and Places aforesaid respectively, and in the same and every of them to remain and continue in such Manner and Form to all Intents and Purposes, and for such Time and Times, as such Officer and Officers have been accustomed, or in their said Places and Offices respectively in Times past, or now at this present Time, ought to do.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant and confirm to the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that all Elections of the Portmen of that Town or Borough, and any one of them, by the Death or Removal of any one or more of them, or otherwise in any Manner happening hereafter for ever, be made and ought to be made *by the Rest or Residue of the Portmen* of that Town or Borough for the Time being, or the greater Part of them; And that all Elections of the Twenty and Four Chief Constables of the Town or Borough aforesaid, commonly called the Four and Twenty, and every one of them, by the Death or Removal of any one or more of them, or otherwise in any Manner happening hereafter for ever, be made, and ought to be made *by the Rest or Residue of such Chief Constables* of that Town or Borough, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, in such Manner and Form as such Officers and Members of the Town and Corporation aforesaid, in Times past respectively have been elected and nominated.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant and confirm to Our said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that they and their Successors hereafter for ever, shall and may have in the Town or Borough aforesaid,

said, one discreet Man, and skilled in the Laws of *England*, who shall be, and be named, *Recorder* of that Town or Borough; And We have assigned, named, made, and confirmed, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do assign, name, make, and confirm, Our beloved *John Sicklemore* Esquire, and learned in the Laws of *England*, to be now and hereafter the modern Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the said Office for and during his natural Life, *unless in the mean Time, for Misbehaviour in that Office, or any other reasonable Cause, he shall be removed from thence by the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, (of whom, We will that the Bailives of that Town or Borough for the Time being, be Two,) to whom,* in such and similar Case and Cases, *We give and grant, by these Presents, full Power and Authority wholly to expel and remove, as well the said John Sicklemore, as any other Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, hereafter to be chosen, for the Time being, from such Office of Recorder of that Town or Borough.*

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant and confirm to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, That from Time to Time, and at all Times, when and as often as the Office of Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, by the Death, Resignation, or due Removal of such Recorder for the Time being, shall happen to be vacant, it shall and may be well lawful for the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, (of whom We will, that the Bailives of that Town or Borough be Two) in some convenient Place within that Town or Borough, by such Bailives for the Time

being to be appointed, assembled, to elect and nominate one other honest and discreet Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for his Life or otherwise at their Pleasure, nevertheless, so that *every such Recorder so to be chosen, for his Misbehaviour in Office, or any other just Cause, may be removeable, and from thence may be removed, as above is said*: And that as well the aforesaid *John Sicklemore*, as any other Person who shall hereafter be elected, or preferred to the Office of Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, before he be admitted to execute the said Office, shall take his corporal Oath before the Bailives of that Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, to do and execute all and every the Things that belong to that Office, well, rightly, and faithfully in all Respects, and after such Oath so taken, every such Recorder may and can have, exercise, use, and enjoy that Office.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do ordain and declare, that it may and shall be lawful, as well for the said *John Sicklemore*, as for all and every other Recorder and Recorders of the Town or Borough aforesaid, hereafter in Form aforesaid to be named and constituted, to have, nominate, and make any other sufficient and discreet Man, *learned in the Laws of England*, to be his Deputy in the Office of Recorder of that Town or Borough; And that every such Deputy shall take his corporal Oath before the Bailives of the said Town or Borough, for the Time being, to do and execute all and singular the Things that belong to that Office, rightly, and well, and faithfully in all Things, in such Form and Manner as such Recorder of the Town and Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, by Virtue of these Presents, ought and is bound to take his Oath; And that e-

very such Deputy, so made and nominated, shall and may have, in the Absence of the Recorder, as full Power and Authority in all and singular the Things that relate and belong to the Office of Recorder of that Town or Borough, as the Recorder of the same Town or Borough, by Virtue of these Presents, or otherwise, hath or shall have. And further, we give and grant to the Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, full Power and Authority to give and administer such Oaths, as well to the aforesaid *John Sicklemore*, as to all and any other Recorder and Records of the said Town or Borough in Form aforesaid to be named and appointed, and any their Deputy or Deputies in Form aforesaid to be named and constituted respectively by these Presents.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant and confirm to the said Bailives, Burgesses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that they and their Successors, from henceforth for ever, shall and may have in the Town and Borough aforesaid, *one good and honest Man*, who shall be and be called *Common Clerk* of that Town or Borough; And we have assigned, nominated, made, and confirmed, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do assign, nominate, make, and confirm, Our beloved Subject *Robert Clarke*, Gentleman, now Common Clerk of the said Town or Borough, to be continued in the said Office during his natural Life, *unless in the mean Time, for his Misbehaviour in that Office, or any other reasonable Cause, he be removed by the Bailives, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, (of whom We will, the Bailives of that Town or Borough to be Two;)* And to which Bailives, Burgesses, and Commonalty, and the greater Part of them, (of whom We will, the Bailives
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of that Town or Borough, for the Time being to be *Two*) in such and similar Case and Cases, We give and grant full Power and Authority to expel and remove the aforesaid *Robert Clarke* from his Office above mentioned; And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant and confirm to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that from Time to Time, and at all Times, when and as often as the Office of Common Clerk of the Town or Borough aforesaid shall happen to be vacated, it will, may, and shall be lawful for the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, (of whom We will, the Bailives of that Town or Borough, for the Time being to be two,) in some convenient Place within that Town or Borough, to be assigned by such Bailives for the Time being, assembled *, *one other good and honest Man to elect into the Office of Common Clerk of that Town or Borough, in such Manner and Form, and for such Time and Duration, as before the making of these Our Letters Patent has been used in this Behalf in the Town or Borough aforesaid:* And further, We will, that as well the aforesaid *Robert Clarke*, as every other Person that shall hereafter be elected and preferred to the Office of Common Clerk of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and the Deputy or Deputies of them, and every of them, before they be admitted to execute that Office, respectively, shall take their corporal Oath before the Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, to execute the said

* In Case of a Vacancy they are to choose *one other good and honest Man*, i. e. *any* one other, for it is not said out of themselves, therefore it is not *necessary* that the Town-Clerk be a *Freeman*, though it be very proper.

N. B. The Town-Clerk is chosen every year.

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Office, and to do all and every the Things belonging thereto, rightly, well, and faithfully in all Things, according to the Duty of that Office, (unto which Bailives, for the Time being, We give and grant by these Presents for Us, our Heirs and Successors, full Power and Authority to administer such Oath to every such common Clerk of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, and their Deputies,) and that every such Common-Clerk, after such Oath by him so taken, may and can have, exercise, use, and enjoy that Office, by himself or his sufficient Deputy, by the Bailives and Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, or any Two of them in writing, under their Hands and Seals from Time to Time to be approved and placed, and not otherwise, nor in any other Manner.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do ordain and grant to the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that if any Person being a Burges or Free-man, or any Persons being Burgeses or Freemen of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, shall be duly nominated and chosen in and to the Place or Office, the Places or Offices, of one of the *Bailives*, one of the *Portmen*, one of the *Coroners*, one of the *Chief Constables*, or one of the *Sub-Constables*, in *English* called Petty Constables, of the Town or Borough aforesaid, or into any other Office of that Town or Borough, to be borne and exercised in the said Town or Borough, and after due Notice of such Election or Elections respectively to be given and made, shall refuse to accept or exercise the Office or Place, or the Offices or Places, to which he or they shall have been so nominated and elected, that then and so often it well may and shall be lawful for the *Common Coun-*

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cil of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them in that Town or Borough assembled, to tax and impose such reasonable Fines and Amercements upon such Recusant or Recusants respectively, as to them from Time to Time shall seem right and just: And that it well may and shall be lawful for the said Bailives, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for the Time being, by their proper Servants and Officers to levy, recover, and put in Seisin and Possession, all such Fines and Amercements by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of such Person and Persons so refusing as aforesaid, being within the Town and Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts thereof, or by any other legal Method whatsoever, and the same to the Use and Behoof of the Bailives, Burgeesses, and Commonalty of that Town or Borough, to have, receive, and retain, without accounting to Us, Our Heirs, or Successors therefore, and without the Hindrance of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, or of any other Servants or Officers of Us, our Heirs, and Successors whatsoever.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant to the said Bailives, Burgeesses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that as well the aforesaid *John Sicklemore*, now Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, as any other Person who shall hereafter be duly elected, preferred, and sworn into the Office of Recorder of that Borough or Town, during such Time as they shall continue in that Office respectively in all future Times, together with the Two Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, and the Four other Burgeesses of the said Borough or Town, annually elected and nominated *out of the Twelve Portmen* of that Town or Borough, to be elected and nomi-

nominated Justices of the Peace of Us, our Heirs and Successors, within that Town or Borough, duly constituted, may and shall be the Justices of Us, *etc.* and every of them may and shall be a Justice of Us, our Heirs and Successors, to keep the Peace and cause it to be kept, within the Town or Borough aforesaid, and the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof; and we do by these Presents make, ordain, create, and constitute them, and every of them, Justices to keep the Peace in the said Town or Borough, the Liberties, *etc.* thereof for Us, our Heirs and Successors, and also to execute all Ordinances and Statutes for the good Peace of Us, our Heirs and Successors, and for the Preservation thereof, and for the quiet Rule and Government of the People of Us our Heirs and Successors, published or hereafter to be published, in all and singular their Articles within the Town or Borough aforesaid, and Liberties, *etc.* of the same, according to the Force, Form, and Effect of those Statutes and Ordinances; and to chastise and punish all those, whom they shall find transgressing against the Form and Effect of those Ordinances and Statutes, or any of them, in that Town or Borough, *etc.* as should be done according to the Form of those Ordinances and Statutes: And also to inquire of all and singular Misdemeanors and Offences, of which the Justices of Our Peace have Power to inquire, and all other Powers and Authorities which belong to the Justices of Our Peace, and of Our Heirs and Successors, in that Town or Borough, the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts of the same to perform. And that the Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, the Recorder of the said Town or Borough for the Time being, and the Four other Burgeesses of that Town or Borough, *out of the Twelve Portmen* of the said Town or Borough,

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now named or elected for the current Year, and annually hereafter to be named and elected, according to the Form and Effect of the Constitutions and Grants lately made, or any Four or more of them, (of whom the Bailives and Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid We will to be three) for the Time being, and from Time to Time, may, and shall have full Power and Authority to inquire, hear, and determine by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of that Town or Borough, *etc.* by whom the Truth of the Thing may be better known and inquired, concerning all and all Manner of Felonies, Trespasses, Oppressions, Extortions, Forestallers, Regraters, Contempts, Riots, Routs, Conspiracies, and other Misdemeanors whatsoever, within the Town or Borough aforesaid, *etc.* by whomsoever and in what Manner soever done or perpetrated, and which hereafter may happen to be done or attempted there; And also concerning all those who shall bear Arms, or go or ride with armed Force; and also of all those, who against the Form of any Statutes, Ordinances, Acts of Parliament, or Provisions aforesaid, or any of them, or against the Peace of Us, *etc.* shall trespass, attempt, perpetrate, or offend: And also to take and begin all Indictments before the said Bailives, Recorder, and Four Burgeses of the Town and Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or any Four or more of them (of whom We will that the Bailives and Recorder for the Time being to be Three) concerning any of the Premises, and thereupon to proceed, and to make and continue Process against all those who before the Bailives, Recorder, and Four Burgeses aforesaid for the Time being, or any Four or more of them, (of whom We will the Bailives and Recorder of that Town or Borough for the Time being to be Three) shall happen to be indicted, until they

they be taken, returned, or outlawed; and to hear and determine all and singular the Felonies, Misdemeanors, Misdeeds, and other Defaults, Offences, and Contempts aforesaid, and to make Execution thereupon, according to the Laws, Statutes, and Customs of Our Kingdom of *England*; And to do and execute all and singular the Things that before the Keepers and Justices of the Peace, or before the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, any Offences, Felonies and other Misdemeanors in any County of our Kingdom of *England*, by the Laws and Statutes of Our said Kingdom, ought, or can be heard and determined.

And further, We will, that as well the said *John Sicklemore*, as any other Justice of the Peace of Our Town or Borough aforesaid, now by these Presents, or by any other Letters Patent or Charters of any of Our Predecessors heretofore made, before they, or any of them, be admitted to execute the Office of Justice of the Peace in that Town or Borough, shall take, and every one of them respectively shall take his or their corporal Oath or Oaths upon the Holy Gospels of God, to execute the Office of Justice of the Peace within the said Town or Borough, *etc.* in all Things relating to that Office well and faithfully: And also the Oaths in this Behalf provided by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of *England*, and required to be taken by the Justices of the Peace, before the Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, or before the Recorder of the same Town or Borough for the Time being, or before the Portmen of that Town or Borough for the Time being, or any Two or more of them, unto which Bailives aforesaid for the Time being, and to the Recorder of the said Town or Borough for the Time being, and also to the Portmen of that Town or Borough

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for the Time being, or to any two or more of them, We give full Power and Authority by these Presents to give and administer such Oath and Oaths from Time to Time, without any other Warrant or Commission to be procured or obtained from Us, our Heirs or Successors therefore.

Moreover, We will, and of Our especial Favour, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We give, grant, and confirm by these Presents, for Us, &c. to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that they may have and hold in every Year within the Town and Borough aforesaid, *as they have been heretofore accustomed* to have and hold, one Fair or Market, commonly called *Holy Rood Fair*, to be begun on and upon the 14th Day of *September*, and to endure, be continued, and held all that whole Day, and the two other Days thence next following, in such convenient Place, within the Town or Borough aforesaid, as by the Bailives of the said Town or Borough, for the Time being, may and shall be yearly appointed and designed, with a Court of * *Pie-powder*, there likewise to be held during that Fair, together with the Liberties and free Customs, Tolls, Stallage, † *Picage*, Fines, Amercements, and all other Profits, Advantages, and Emoluments, to such Fair, or Market, and Court of *Pie-powder* aforesaid, in any Manner relating, appertaining, arising, incident or forth coming, or with the same or any of them usually had or enjoyed. Wherefore We will, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors,

* Court of *Pie-Powders*, *Curia pedis pulverizati*, (so called because for Contracts and Injuries done in the Fair or Market, Justice shall be done as speedily as the Dust can fall from the Foot, says *Wood*) is incident to every Fair or Market, altho' not specially granted; but it is now disused.

† *Picage* was a Payment to the Lord of the Soil for breaking the Ground, in order to erect Stalls, &c. in Fairs.

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firmly enjoining due Order and Command, that the Bailives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, by Virtue of theſe Preſents, may have, hold, and keep well, freely, lawfully, and quietly, the Fair or Market aforeſaid annually, in Form aforeſaid, for ever, with Court of *Pie-powder*, and together with all and all Manner of Liberties, Cuſtoms, Tolls, Profits, and Emoluments whatſoever, ariſing from ſuch Fair, Market, and Court, or any of them, or to ſuch Fair or Market relating or belonging for ever, according to the Tenor and true Intent and Meaning of theſe Our Letters Patent, without the Moleſtation, Diſturbance, Grievance, or Contradiſtion of Us, &c. or of any of Our Sheriffs, Eſcheators, Bailives, Officers, or Servants whatſoever ; And this without any Writ, Warrant, or Proceſs, from Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, hereafter on this Behalf to be procured or obtained ; forbidding, and by theſe Preſents for Us, &c. by firm Injunction commanding the aforeſaid Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, that they and any one of them preſume not to *permit any other Fair or Market* to be holden in or within the Town or Borough aforeſaid, without Our ſpecial Licence and Grant, or of Our Heirs or Succeſſors, on the Behalf firſt had and obtained, but that they and every of them, from this Time hereafter, as it becomes them, do deſiſt therefrom : To have, hold, and enjoy all and ſingular the Premiffes aforeſaid, by theſe Preſents given, granted, or confirmed, or mentioned to be given, granted, or confirmed, to the ſaid Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors for ever : Yielding, paying, and doing therefore to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, yearly, ſo many, ſo great, the ſame, and ſuch like Rents, Services, Sums of Money, and Demands, as for the ſame or any one or more
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of them, at or before the making of these Presents, they have been accustomed to yield, pay, and do, or of Right ought to do.

Wherefore We will, and for Us, &c. by these Presents, by firm Injunction do order, that the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, have hold, and enjoy, and may and can have, hold, use, exercise, and enjoy for ever, all the Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Customs, Grants, Franchises, Acquittances, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments aforesaid, and all their Goods and Chattels whatsoever, according to the Tenor, Form, and Effect of these our Letters Patent, without the Let, Molestation, or Impediment of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, Bailives, or other Officers of Us, &c. whatsoever; forbidding that the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, by Reason of the Premises, or any of them, by Us or Our Heirs, Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, or other Our Bailives or Officers, or of Our Heirs and Successors whatsoever, be therefore letted, molested, vexed, aggrieved, or any Way disturbed. Willing, and by these Presents firmly for Us, &c. commanding and ordering as well the Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of the Exchequer, of Us, &c. and all and every other Justices of Us, &c. as Our Attorney and Solicitor General for the Time being, and every of them, and all other Our Officers and Servants whatsoever, that neither they, nor any one, or more of them, do prosecute, or continue to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted, or to be continued, any Writ or Summons *De quo Warranto*, or any other Writ or Process, whatsoever against the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, for any one or more of them, for any Causes, Things, Matters, Claims, or Offences.

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by them or any of them done, claimed, attempted, used, had, or enjoyed, before the Day of the making these Presents. Forbidding also, that the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, or any one or more of them, by any one or more of Our Justices, Officers, or Servants, in or for the due Use, Claim, or Abuse of any Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, or Jurisdictions, within the Town or Borough aforesaid, &c. before the Day of making these our Letters Patent, be in any Manner molested or hindered for or concerning the same, or any of them be compelled to answer. Provided always, and We will, and by these Presents, for Us, &c. do ordain, and firmly enjoining, do command, that the Bailives, Recorder, Alderman, Capital Burgeses, Common-Clerk, and all other Our Officers or Servants of our Town of *Ipswich* aforesaid, and their Deputies, and also all Justices of the Peace of Us, &c. within that Town, by Virtue or according to the Tenor of these Our Letters Patent, or any other Letters Patent or Charters heretofore made, nominated, or constituted, or hereafter to be nominated, chosen, or constituted, before they be admitted to the Execution or Exercise of their Office or Offices, Place or Places, to which respectively they are so now nominated, appointed, or constituted, or hereafter shall be nominated, chosen, or constituted, or in any Manner in that Behalf intermeddle, shall take as well their corporal Oath, commonly called *the Oath of Obedience*, as the corporal Oath commonly called *the Oath of Supremacy*, upon the Holy Gospels of God, before such Person or Persons as are, or hereafter shall be, appointed and assigned by the Law and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of *England* to give and administer such Oaths; altho' express

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press Mention, &c. In Witness whereof, &c. Witness Ourself at *Westminster*, 11 Feb. in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign."

Towards the latter End of *Charles* the Second's Reign, the Burgeses of *Ipswich*, by some Proceedings in the Court of *King's Bench*, on a *Quo Warranto*, or an Information in the Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, were intimidated ; and at last, after the Example of many other Corporations, they surrendered all their Charters, Franchises, and Privileges to the King, by a formal Deed, under their Common Seal : And after this was obtained from them, His Majesty incorporated them anew, by granting the following Charter, viz.

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1685. CHARLES II. D. G. &c. Know Ye, that We graciously desiring the Advancement of Our Town of *Ipswich*, in Our County of *Suffolk*, and willing that for the future there may and shall be, within the aforesaid Borough, one certain and indubitable Method for keeping the Peace, and for the good Regimen and Government of the People there ; and that the Town or Borough aforesaid hereafter for ever may be and remain a Borough of Peace and Quiet, for the Reward of the Good, and for the Terror of evil Men ; and that Our Peace and other Acts of Justice there may be preserved and kept without farther Delay ; and hoping, that if the Burgeses and Inhabitants of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and their Successors, might by our Grant enjoy more ample Liberties, Profits, and Privileges, then they may perceive themselves to be more especially and more strongly obliged to perform the Service due to Us, Our Heirs and Successors : Of our especial Favour, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, and
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upon the humble Petition of the Bailives, Burges-
ses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, We
have willed, constituted, declared, ordained, and
granted, and by these Presents for Us &c. do will,
constitute, declare, ordain, and grant, that the said
Town or Borough of *Ipswich* may hereafter be and
remain for ever a Town and Borough incorpo-
rated; and that the Burgeses and Commonalty
of the Town or Borough aforesaid, hereafter for
ever may and shall be one Body Corporate and Po-
litick, in Deed, Fact, and Name, by the Name of
The Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Town
or Borough of *Ipswich*, in the County of *Suffolk* :
And we do erect, create, make, ordain, constitute,
and declare them, and their Successors, by the Name
of the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the
Town or Borough of *Ipswich*, in the County of
Suffolk, one Body Corporate and Politick, in Deed,
Fact, and Name, really and to the full, for Us,
Our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents, and
that by the said Name they may have perpetual
Succession; and they, by the Name of the Bailives
Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors,
may and shall be, in all future Times, Persons able
and capable in Law to have, purchase, receive,
and possess Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Privi-
leges, Jurisdictions, Franchises, and Hereditaments,
of whatever Kind, Nature, or Sort they be, to
them and their Successors, in Fee and Perpetuity,
and for Term of Life, Lives, or Years, and also
Goods, Credits, Chattles, and all other Things
whatsoever, of whatever Kind, Nature or Sort
they shall be. And also to give, grant, demise, and
assign Manors, Lands, Tenements, Goods, Debts,
Credits, and Chattles, and all other Deeds and
Things to do and execute by the Name of the Bai-
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lives, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors aforeſaid; and that by the ſame Name they may and can plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any Courts, Pleas, and Places, and before any Judges and Juſtices whatſoever, and other Perſons and Officers of Us, &c. in all and all Manner of Actions, Suits, Quarrels, Pleas, Cauſes, Matters, and Demands whatſoever, of whatever Nature, Kind, or Sort they be, in like Manner and Form as other liege Perſons of this Our Kingdom of *England*, able and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate or Politick within Our Kingdom of *England*, may and can have, purchaſe, give, poſſeſs, grant, and demife, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended.

And further, We will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, &c. do grant and ordain, that hereafter for ever, there may and ſhall be, within Our Town or Borough aforeſaid, the ſeveral Officers and Members, in the Form undermentioned to be choſen, nominated, and conſtituted, *viz.* Two *good and honeſt* Men, who ſhall be and be called Bailives, to be annually choſen, *out of the * Port-men* of the Town or Borough aforeſaid, for the Time being, who ſhall continue in the ſaid Office to the Feaſt of *St. Michael the Archangel*, in every Year, and until two others be admitted and ſworn to execute the ſaid Office, within the Town or Borough aforeſaid.

And alſo, Twelve good and diſcreet Men, who ſhall be and be called *Port-men*, of the Town or Bo-

* By the Charter of *Edw. IV.* the Bailives are to be choſen out of the Burgeſſes, and to ſerve in that Office from *Sept. 8.* for one whole Year from thence next following, *i. e.* to the next 8th of *Septen.ber.*

rough aforesaid, who shall continue and remain in the said Offices or Places *as long as they behave well in the same.*

And *Eighteen* honest Men, who shall be and be called *Chief-Constables*, of whom the Ten Senior shall be called *Capitales Plegii*, in *English*, the *Headboroughs* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, which *Chief-Constables* shall continue in their said Places *as long as they behave themselves well in the same.*

And also One good and discreet Man, who shall be and be called *Recorder* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, who shall continue in the said Office *as long as he shall behave himself well.* And one good and honest Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, who shall be and be called *Deputy Recorder* of the Town or Borough aforesaid. And one good and honest Man, who shall be and be called *Common Clerk* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, which *Common Clerk* shall continue in his Office *as long as he shall behave well in the same.*

And also Two good and honest Men, who shall be and be called *Coroners* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, to be yearly chosen out of the *Eighteen Chief-Constables* of the Town or Borough aforesaid.

And for the better Execution of Our Will and Grant in this Behalf, We have assigned, nominated, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, &c. do assign, nominate, constitute, and make, Our beloved Sir *Henry Felton*, Bart. and *John Burrough*, Gent. to be the *first and new* Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, to be continued in the said Office to the Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel*, thence next following, and until Two others shall be sworn into the said Office, if they shall so long live.

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And also the aforefaid Sir Henry Felton, Bart. and Our beloved Subjects Sir John Barker, Bart. Sir Robert Brooke, Bart. Sir Nicholas Bacon, Knight of the Bath, John Lamb, Esq. John Pemberton, Laurence Stisted, Richard Phillips, the said John Burrough, William Neave, William Brown, and John Blomfield, Gent. to be the first and new Port-men of the Town or Borough aforefaid, to continue in their said Offices and Places *as long as they behave themselves well.*

And also Our Beloved Subjects Robert Ridnal, John Sawyer, John Reeve, John Campling, Thomas Bright, William Tye, John Wade, John Gibbon, Joseph Colman, James Page, Miles Wallis, John Pemberton, Thomas Riches, Henry Capon, Truth Norris, John Long, Keeble Cross, and Israel Barrel, to be the first and new Chief Constables of the Town or Borough aforefaid. And also the aforefaid, R. Rednal, J. Sawyer, J. Reeve, J. Campling, T. Bright, W. Tye, J. Wade, J. Gibbon, Jo. Colman, J. Page, M. Wallis, and J. Pemberton the younger, to be the first and new *Capitales Plegii*, called the *Head-boroughs* of the Borough aforefaid.

And also we have assigned, nominated, constituted, and made, and by these Presents, for Us, &c. do assign, nominate, constitute, and make the aforefaid Sir Robert Brooke, to be the first and new *Recorder* of the Town or Borough aforefaid: And also Our beloved Subject Christopher Milton, Esq. to be the first and new *Deputy-Recorder* of the Town or Borough aforefaid: And also Our beloved Subject Thomas Brooke, to be the first and new *Common-Clerk* of the Town or Borough aforefaid: And also Our beloved Subjects R. Ridnal and J. Sawyer, to be the first and new *Coroners* of the Borough or Town aforefaid, to continue in the said Offices

Offices until the Feast of *St. Michael*, now next following, and until Two others be sworn and admitted into the said Offices. We will also, and by the Tenor of these Presents, for Us, &c. do grant to the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that the aforesaid Bailives, now named and constituted, and also other future Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, from this Time hereafter for ever, may and can have, hold, enjoy, and exercise all, as many, as great, such like and similar Courts, Juries, Customs, Prescriptions, Fees, Perquisites, Profits, Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Authorities, and Privileges whatsoever, how many or how great soever, as the Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, or any of them heretofore ever had, held, enjoyed, or exercised, or in any Manner could, ought, or were accustomed to have, hold, or exercise.

And further We will, and for Us, &c. do grant and confirm to the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that all Elections of the Port-men of the Town or Borough, and every of them, by the Death or Removal of any one or more of them, or otherwise in any Manner happening, from henceforth for ever, be made and ought to be made by the Rest or Residue of the Port-men of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, * *out of the Chief-Constables* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being. And that all Elections of the Eighteen *Chief-Constables* of the Borough or Town aforesaid, and of every of them, by the Death or Removal of any one or more of them, or other-

* The Portmen before might choose their own Members out of the Free-men at large.

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wise, in any Manner happening hereafter for ever, be made and ought to be made by the Common-Council of that Town or Borough, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them.

* And further, We will, ordain, and declare, that on and upon the *Eighth Day of September*, in every Year, the Bailives, Port-men, and Chief Constables, or the major Part of them (of whom We will, one of the Bailives to be One) shall congregate and assemble themselves in the *Gild-hall* of the Town or Borough of *Ipswich* aforesaid, and so congregated and assembled, shall choose and nominate Two good and honest Men, *out of the Port-men* of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, to be Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, which Men, so elected and nominated to be Bailives, on and upon the *Feast of St. † Michael the Archangel*, in every Year after such Election and Nomination, shall take their corporal Oaths before the last Bailives, their Predecessors, or either of them, well and faithfully to execute the said Office of Bailives in the said Borough or Town: Unto which last Bailives, or either of them, We give and grant full Power to administer such Oath to the said Bailives so newly to be chosen. And if one of the Bailives of the Town or Borough at any Time within the Year after his Admission in the Office of Bailiff of the Town or Borough aforesaid, should happen to die, or to depart, or be removed from his Place, then the surviving Bailiff, the Port-men, and

* This was divesting the Free-men at large, of their Right and Privilege of choosing Bailives, out of the Port-men, or not, at their Discretion.

† From hence arose the Custom of swearing the Bailives on *Michaelmas Day*, but as all the ancient Charters were restored, they ought to be sworn according to the Direction of *Edw. IV.*

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Chief-Constables, or the greater Part of them, within some convenient Time shall congregate and assemble themselves in the *Gild-ball*, or in some other convenient Place within the Borough or Town aforesaid, and so congregated and assembled, shall elect and nominate One other good and honest Man, out of the *Port-men* aforesaid, to be Bailiff with the surviving Bailiff, which good and honest Man, so chosen and nominated, shall take his corporal Oath before the said surviving Bailiff, well and faithfully to execute the said Office of Bailiff. And the said Bailiff so chosen, shall continue in the said Office until the Feast of *St. Michael the Archangel* thence next following, if he shall so long live, and until Two others be sworn into that Office. And if it should happen, that any Bailiff of the Borough chosen upon the said *Eighth of Sept.* in any Year, shall die before the Feast of *St. Michael*, or should refuse to be admitted to the said Office, or to execute the said Office, that then the Bailives, Port-men, and Chief Constables, or the greater Part of them (of whom We will, One of the Bailives for the Time being to be One) shall assemble themselves in the said *Gild-ball*, or any other convenient Place within the said Town or Borough, and there shall elect and nominate, out of the Port-men aforesaid, one other Man to be Bailiff of the said Borough, which said Bailiff so newly elected on and upon the said Feast of *St. Michael* in the same Year, shall take his corporal Oath before the last Bailives, or either of them, well and faithfully to execute the said Office of Bailive.

And that all Elections of the Recorder, Common Clerk, Coroners, and all other Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid, as often as such Offices shall happen to be vacant by the Death or Removal

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val of any one, or more of them, or otherwise in any Manner happening, (excepting only the Deputy-Recorder of the Borough or Town aforesaid) from this Time from henceforth for ever, may, and ought to be made *by the Common Council of the Borough or Town here afterwards ordained* and constituted, or by the greater Part of them, and not otherwise, or in any other Manner. And that the Election and Admission of Coroners of the Town or Borough aforesaid, may, and shall be, at the same Time and Times as heretofore have been used within the Town and Borough aforesaid; and also We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant to the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that from henceforth, for ever *, *the Bailives, Portmen, and Chief Constables of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, assembled, or the greater Part of them (of whom We will, that one of the Bailives for the Time being be present) henceforth, and for ever, may, and shall be, and be called the Common Council of the Town or Borough aforesaid.* And that the said Common Council of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, assembled in the *Gild-hall*, or in some other convenient Place within the Town or Borough aforesaid, may, and shall have full Power and Authority of forming, constituting, ordaining, making, and establishing, from Time to Time, such reasonable Laws, Statutes, Constitutions, Decrees, and Ordinances, in

* By the Terms *Common-Council* in the Charter of King John, and the other ancient Charters, was meant, the *Bailives and Burgeses at large* assembled together; but by this arbitrary Charter, all the Power that the Freemen heretofore had in common, was confined to the Portmen, and Eighteen Chief Constables only.

writing, whatsoever, as the Common Council of the Town or Borough aforesaid, or the greater Part of them, for this Purpose congregated and assembled, shall judge to be good, wholesome, useful, necessary, and honest, according to their sound Discretions for the good Regimen and Government of the Town or Borough aforesaid ; and all and singular the Officers, Servants, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents whatsoever, within the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, and for the declaring in what Manner and Order the said Bailives, Portmen, Chief-Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Common Clerk, and Coroners of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and all and singular the Officers, Servants, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Residents, within the Town or Borough aforesaid, shall carry and behave themselves in the Offices, Functions, Ministries, Misteries, and Businesses within the Town or Borough aforesaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the same, for the further publick Good, common Utility, and good Government of the said Town or Borough, and the victualling of them, and of other Things and Causes whatsoever, respecting, or in any Manner concerning, the Town or Borough aforesaid. And that the Common Council of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, as often as they shall form and establish such Laws, Institutions, Ordinances, and Constitutions in Form aforesaid, may make, ordain, impose, limit, and provide such and so many Pains, Punishments, Penalties, Fines, and Amercements, in and upon all Offenders against such Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and Constitutions, or any One of them, as and which to the said Common Council of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or the

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greater Part of them, shall seem necessary, convenient, or requisite for the Observation of the said Laws, Ordinances, or Constitutions, and the said Fines and Amercements may and can, by Distress of the Goods and Chattles, Actions of Debt, or otherwise levy, recover, and have to the Use of the Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, for ever, without Hindrance of Us, *etc.* and without any Account therefore to Us, *etc.* to be returned, paid, or made; all and singular which Laws, Ordinances, and Constitutions so to be made as aforesaid, We will to be observed under the Penalties therein contained; nevertheless, so that the Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, Institutions, Constitutions, Fines, and Amercements be reasonable, and be not repugnant, nor contrary to the Laws, Statutes, Customs, and Rights of Our Kingdom of *England*.

And further, We will, and by these Presents, *etc.* do give and grant to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that if any Person hereafter be duly elected and nominated to the Office or Place of Bailiff, Portman, Chief-Constable, or Coroner of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and shall neglect or refuse to be admitted to such Office, and to take the Oath for the due Execution of the same, that then the said Common Council may impose a reasonable Fine upon such Person so refusing or neglecting, to be paid to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, and to be levied and recovered by Action of Debt, or Distress of the Goods and Chattles of such Person so refusing or neglecting. And further, We will and declare, that for any just and reasonable Cause, the *Common Council* of the Town or Borough aforesaid can remove and deprive any Recorder,

Recorder, Portman, or Chief-Constable of the Town or Borough aforesaid, from his Office aforesaid.

And further, We will, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do declare and ordain, that after the Death or Removal of *Christopher Milton* from the Office of Deputy-Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, it may and shall be lawful as well for the aforesaid *Robert Brooke*, as for all and every other Recorder and Recorders of the Town or Borough aforesaid, hereafter in Form aforesaid to be nominated and appointed, to have, nominate, and make any other sufficient and discreet Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, to be his Deputy in the Office of Recorder of that Town or Borough. And that every such Deputy shall take his corporal Oath before the Bailives of the said Town or Borough for the Time being, or One of them, well and faithfully to do and execute all and every Thing belonging to that Office, in such Manner and Form as such Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, by Virtue of these Presents, ought and is bound to take his Oath. And that every such Deputy, so made and nominated, may and shall, in the Absence of the Recorder, have as full Power and Authority in all and every Thing respecting or belonging to the Office of Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, as the Recorder of the said Town or Borough, by Virtue of these Presents, or otherwise, may or shall have.

And further, *etc.* We do grant to the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, that as well the two Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, and the aforesaid *Robert Brooke*, in these Presents appointed to be the first Recorder of the said Town or Bo-

rough, and *Christopher Milton* in these Presents constituted and nominated to be Deputy-Recorder of the Town or Borough, as any other Person who hereafter into the Office of Recorder, or any Person who into the Office of Deputy-Recorder of the Town or Borough respectively shall be duly elected, preferred, and sworn, during such Time as he shall continue in that Office respectively, in all future Times, and the aforesaid Sir *John Barker*, Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, *John Lamb* Esq. and *John Pemberton* Gent. who are the Four Senior Portmen of the said Town or Borough for the Time being, may and shall be Our Justices, and every of them shall be Our Justices and of Our Heirs, *etc.* to preserve and keep Our Peace and the Peace of Our Heirs, *etc.* within the said Town or Borough, *etc.* And by these Presents We make, ordain, create, and constitute them, and every of them, Our Justices, to keep Our Peace and the Peace of Our Heirs, *etc.* in the said Town or Borough, *etc.*; And also, to execute all Ordinances and Statutes for the Good of the Peace of Us, *etc.* and for the Preservation thereof, and for the quiet Regimen and Government of Our People, and of Our Heirs, *etc.* published, or hereafter to be published, in all and singular their Articles within the Town or Borough aforesaid, *etc.* according to the Force, Form, and Effect of those Statutes; and to chastise and punish all those whom they shall find offending against the Form and Effect of those Statutes and Ordinances, or any of them, in the Town and Borough, *etc.* as ought to be done, according to the Form and Effect of those Ordinances and Statutes.

And moreover, that They the said Bailives, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, and Our other Justices of the said Town or Borough, or any Three or
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more of them (of whom One Bailiff, the Recorder, or Deputy-Recorder, We will be Two) from hence hereafter for ever, may and shall be Justices of Us, *etc.* to inquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the Borough or Town aforesaid, by whom the Truth may the better be known, of all and singular Felonies, Trespasses, Forestallations, Regrations, Extortions, and other Offences within the said Town or Borough, the Liberties, Suburbs, and Precincts thereof, by what Person or Persons soever, and in what Manner or Form soever, the same were done, perpetrated, or committed, or shall happen to be done, perpetrated, or committed; and of all and singular other Facts and Things within the Borough or Town, *etc.* in any Manner done, attempted, or perpetrated, or which hereafter may happen to be done, attempted, or perpetrated, and shall have full Power and Authority to inquire, hear, and determine all and singular Felonies, Trespasses and other Misdemeanors whatsoever, and all Matters, Complaints, Defaults, Causes, and other Things whatsoever, within the Town or Borough, *etc.* heretofore or hereafter done, attempted, committed, arising, or happening, as fully, freely, and wholly, as the Keepers of the Peace of Us, *etc.* or the Justices of the Peace of Us, *etc.* in any County of Our Kingdom of *England*, or any of Our Justices, to hear and determine any Felonies, Trespasses, or other Offences in any County of Our Kingdom of *England*, perpetrated and committed, assigned, or to be assigned, upon such Felonies, Trespasses, Offences, and other the Premises, in any County of Our Kingdom of *England*, by Virtue of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, or any other Ordinances and Statutes heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, or according to the Force, Form, and Effect of Letters Patent of Us or Our Heirs therefore

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made, or to be made, could, ought, or were accustomed, or in any Manner may, and ought to inquire, discuss, hear, and determine, according to the Custom of Our Kingdom of *England*; and also to deliver the Goal of the Borough or Town aforesaid of the Prisoners from Time to Time being therein, according to the Laws, Customs, and Statutes of Our Kingdom of *England*; and that the Common-Clerk of the Borough aforesaid from Time to Time, when and as often as they shall deliver the said Goal of the Prisoners therein being, shall make Return of Juries, Inquisitions, Pannels, Attachments, and Indentures, by them hereafter to be taken, before the said Justices of Goal-Delivery, or Three or more of them, as is aforesaid. We will also, and for Us, *etc.* do command the Common-Clerk of the Borough aforesaid for the Time being that he shall attend the said Justices in all Things relating to the Delivery of the said Goal, and execute their Precepts in the same Manner as has been accustomed for such Common-Clerk to do, within the said Borough for the Time being, in Times past; And further, We will, That all Writs, Warrants, and other Precepts, for or concerning the Premises aforesaid, and any of them to be made, be directed to the Serjeants at Mace, or Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and by them executed without any Writ, Precept, or Warrant of the Sheriff or Coroner of Our County of *Suffolk* in any Manner, to be directed therefore in the same Manner as in Times past it has been accustomed by the Officers within the Borough or Town aforesaid, so that no Justice of the Peace, or of Goal-Delivery, in Our County of *Suffolk*, assigned or to be assigned, or any of them, shall enter or introduce himself into the said Borough or Town aforesaid, *etc.* to do any

any Thing there that doth or shall belong to their Offices respectively, without the special Warrant or Commission of Us, *etc.* in that Behalf : And further, for Us, *etc.* We ordain, and command that the Bailives aforesaid, in these Presents named, before they be admitted to the Execution of their said Office, shall take their corporal Oaths before the said *Robert Brooke* or *Christopher Milton*, or one of them, well to execute the said Office of Bailives of the Town or Borough aforesaid, unto which *Robert Brooke* and *Christopher Milton*, or either of them, We give and grant by these Presents, full Power and Authority to administer such Oaths to the said Bailives ; and all Justices of the Peace, Portmen, or Chief Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Common-Clerk, Coroners, and *Capitales Plegii*, in *Englisch*, the *Headboroughs*, above in these Presents named, and constituted, and any others who shall hereafter be Justices, Portmen, or Chief-Constables, Recorder, or Deputy-Recorder, *Capitales Plegii*, in *Englisch*, *Headboroughs*, by Virtue of these Our Letters Patent, before he or they be admitted to the Execution of those Offices, shall take a corporal Oath well and truly in all Things to execute their Offices respectively, upon the Holy Gospels of God, before the Bailives of the Borough or Town aforesaid, for the Time being, or one of them ; unto which Bailives, or one of them, We give and grant by these Presents, full Power and Authority of administering such Oaths without any other Warrant or Commission on that Behalf, from us to be procured or obtained.

* Provided always, and We *do reserve to Us, Our*

* By Virtue of this Clause, all the Officers acting under this Charter were turned out by the Proclamation of *James II*, in
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Heirs and Successors, full Power and Authority, by these Presents, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, at the Will and Pleasure of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, by an Order of Us, etc. in Privy Council made, and under the Seal of Our Privy Council, to them respectively signified, to remove the Bailives, Portmen, Chief Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Common-Clerk, or Coroner of the Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, or any One or more of them, or any One or more of the other Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and to declare him or them removed; and as often as We, etc. by any such Order, in Privy Council made, shall declare such Bailives, Portmen, Chief Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Common-Clerk, or Coroner, or any one or more of the Officers aforesaid, of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, to be removed from their respective Offices, or any of them, that then and from thence, the Bailives, Portmen, Chief Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Common-Clerk, and Coroner, or other Officer of the Town or Borough for the Time being, and every of them respectively so declared, or to be declared to be removed, shall, ipso facto, and without any other Process, and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, be removed from their several Offices respectively, and this as often as such Case shall happen, any Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

We will moreover, and especially command, and strictly order, That the Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, do put in due Execution a Statute in the Parliament of Our Lady *Elizabeth*, late Queen of *England*, made in the 13th

the Year 1688. and the Orders of Council then made, which Proclamation and Order, is printed at the End of this Charter.

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Year of her Reign, and intituled, "An Act for the
"Paving the Town of *Ipswich*," duly in all Things
in the said Statute contained.

We will moreover, and by these Presents, *etc.* do
grant to the Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty,
and their Succeſſors, That the *Common Council* of
the Town or Borough aforeſaid for the Time be-
ing, or the greater Part of them, may and can make
and admit any Perſon or Perſons, inhabiting or not
inhabiting within the Town or Borough aforeſaid,
to be a Free-man, or Free men, of the Town or Bo-
rough aforeſaid; And that He or They, ſo made
or admitted as aforeſaid, may, and ſhall be a Free-
man or Free-men of the Town or Borough afore-
ſaid, and ſo ſhall be called during their natural
Lives reſpectively, if they be not for ſome reaſona-
ble Cauſe by the Common Council of the Town or
Borough aforeſaid for the Time being, or the greater
Part of them, removed. Provided always, and We
will, that no Perſon be admitted to the *Liberties*
(in *English*, *Freedoms*) of the Borough or Town
aforeſaid, unleſs he doth conform to the Church of
England, and hath received the Holy Eucharift
according to the Rites of the ſaid Church within
the Space of Six Months next before, and hath
taken the Oaths vulgarly called the *Oaths of Allegi-
ance* and *Supremacy*, before the Bailives of the Bo-
rough aforeſaid, for the Time being.

And further We will, and by theſe Preſents. *etc.*
have given and granted, and for Us, *etc.* do give
and grant, to the Bailives, Burgeſſes, and Common-
alty, and their Succeſſors, Two Fairs or Markets
to be holden within the Town or Borough afore-
ſaid, for the buying or ſelling of all and all Manner
of Horſes, Mares, Colts, and other Cattle; one of
the ſaid Fairs to be held and kept on and upon the

7th and 8th Days of the Month of *May*, in every Year, for Ever ; and the other of the said Fairs or Markets to be held on or upon the 11th and 12th Days of the Month of *August*, in every Year, unless any of the aforesaid Days should happen to be the Lord's-Day, and then on and upon the *Monday* next following, together with all and singular Tolls, Piccage, Stallage, and all other Things whatsoever, growing or forthcoming from the aforesaid Fairs, or Markets, and Court of Pie-powder in the Fairs aforesaid to be held, and all Fines and Amercements, Forfeitures, Profits, and Emoluments, as well within the Court of Pie-Powder aforesaid, as by Reason or Occasion of the same coming, growing, or arising, so that the aforesaid Fairs or Markets, or either of them, be not to our Damage, or to the Hurt of any neighbouring Fair or Fairs.

And further, of Our special Favour, *etc.* We have willed, granted, ordained, and confirmed, and by these Presents, *etc.* do will, ordain, grant, and confirm to the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, the Incorporation and Body Corporate aforesaid, and all and all Manner of Liberties, Free-Customs, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Acquittances, and Jurisdictions of the Town or Borough aforesaid whatsoever, and which by these Presents are not changed or altered ; and also all and singular the same and such like Lands, Tenements, Courts, Markets, Fairs, Customs, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Immunities, Acquittances, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, and Hereditaments whatsoever aforesaid, or which the Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors aforesaid, or their Predecessors, or any of them, by whatsoever Name or Names they were reputed, or called, or by whatsoever Name, or by
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whatsoever Incorporation, or by Virtue of whatsoever Incorporation heretofore they were incorporated, have lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use, and enjoy the same by Reason or Virtue of any Charters, or Letters Patent, by Us or Our most dear Father, or by any one or more of Our Ancestors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, in any Manner heretofore made, granted, or confirmed, or by any other legal Manner, Right, Custom, Usage, Prescription, or Title lawfully used, had, enjoyed, or accustomed, and which by these Presents are not changed or altered. And that it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, to have, hold, exercise, use, and enjoy all and all Manner of such Liberties, Free-Customs, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, and other the Premises aforesaid, above by these Presents in Form aforesaid granted, in as ample Manner and Form to all Intents and Purposes, as in Times past they have had, held, used, or enjoyed; or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy the same; to have, hold, and enjoy all and singular the Premises aforesaid above by these Presents granted and given, or confirmed, or mentioned to be given, granted, or confirmed to the said Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors for ever.

Wherefore We will, and by these Presents, *etc.* firmly enjoining, We command, that the aforesaid Bailives, Burgeses, and Commonalty, and their Successors, may have, hold, use, and enjoy, and may and can lawfully have, hold, use, and enjoy for ever, all the Privileges, *etc.* aforesaid, and all their Chattels whatsoever, according to the Tenor, Form, and Effect of these Our Letters Patent, with-

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out the Let, Molestation, or Hindrance of Us, *etc.* the Justices, Sheriffs, *etc.* not willing that the said Bailives, Burgeffes, and Commonalty, and their Successors, or any one or more of them, by any one or more of Our Justices, *etc.* in or for the due Use, Claim, or Abuse of any Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, or Jurisdictions within the said Town, *etc.* before the Day of the making of these Our Letters Patent, be molested or hindered, or be compelled to answer for or concerning the same, or any of them; altho' express Mention, *etc.* In witness, *etc.* Witness Myself at *Westminster*, 8 July, in the Thirty-Sixth Year of Our Reign, or 1685.

The Corporation acted under the Charter now recited, until the following Proclamation and Act of Council annulled it.

At the COURT at WHITE-HALL,
the Seventeenth Day of *October*, 1688.

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent MAJESTY,

His Royal Highness	Earl of <i>Melfort</i> ,
Prince George of Den-	Earl of <i>Castlemain</i> ,
mark,	Viscount <i>Preston</i> ,
Lord Chancellor,	Lord <i>Godolphin</i> ,
Lord Privy Seal,	Mr. Chancellor of the
Duke of <i>Hamilton</i> ,	Exchequer,
Marquis of <i>Powis</i> ,	Master of the Rolls,
Earl of <i>Huntingdon</i> ,	Lord Chief Just. <i>Herbert</i> ,
Earl of <i>Craven</i> ,	Sir <i>Thomas Strickland</i> ,
Earl of <i>Berkeley</i> ,	Sir <i>Nicholas Butler</i> ,
Earl of <i>Moray</i> ,	* Mr. <i>Petre</i> .
Earl of <i>Middleton</i> ,	

* Called commonly *Father Petre*.

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the CORPORATION of IPSWICH.

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This Day the ensuing Proclamation for restoring Corporations to their ancient Charters, *etc.* was read at the Board, and approved, and ordered to be forthwith printed and published.

A PROCLAMATION for restoring Corporations to their ancient Charters, Liberties, and Franchises.

JAMES Rex,

WHEREAS We are informed, that several Deeds of Surrender, which have been lately made, by several Corporations and Bodies corporate of and in Our Cities and Towns within Our Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, of their Charters, Franchises, and Privileges, are not yet recorded, or enrolled: And that upon the Proceedings and Rules for Judgment, which have been lately had upon the *Quo Warranto's*, or Informations in Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, Judgments are not yet entered upon Record; whereupon, notwithstanding new Charters have been granted in the Reign of Our late dear Brother, and in Our Reign, which said Deeds being not enrolled or recorded, do not amount unto, or in Law make any Surrender of the Charters, Franchises, or Liberties therein mentioned; and such of the said Corporations or Bodies Politick against which Rules for Judgments have been made in the Life-time of Our late dear Brother, or since, in Our Court of *King's-Bench*, but no Judgments entered upon Record, are not disincorporate, or dissolved; and that it is in Our Power to leave such Corporations in the same Estate and Condition they were in, and to discharge all further Proceedings and Effects that may be of such Rules for Judgments

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ments and Deeds of Surrender: We do hereby publish and declare, that upon due Search and Examination made, We have Satisfaction that the Deeds of Surrender made by the Corporations and Bodies Politick of the said Cities and Towns, except the Corporations following, that is to say, *Thetford, Nottingham, Bridgwater, Ludlow, Bewdley, Beverley, Teukesbury, Exeter, Doncaster, Colchester, Winchester, Launceston, Lisderd, Plimpton, Tregoney, Plymouth, Dunwich, St. Ives, Fowey, East-Looe, Camelford, West-Looe, Tintegall, Penryn, Truro, Bodmyn, Hadleigh, Lestwythell, and Saltaish*, are not enrolled or recorded in any of Our Courts; and that though Rules for Judgment have passed upon Informations in Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, against the Corporations and Bodies Politick of several Cities and Towns in Our said Kingdom and Dominion, yet no Judgments have been or are entered upon Record, upon any such Informations, except against the City of *London, Chester, Calne, St. Ives, Pool, York, Thaxted, Llanghour, and Malmesbury*: And We of Our mere Grace and Favour being resolved to restore and put all Our Cities, Towns, and Boroughs in *England and Wales*, and also Our Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, into the same State and Condition they were, and was, in Our late dear Brother's Reign, before any Deed of Surrender was made of their Charters or Franchises, or Proceedings against them, or the Corporations or Bodies Politick in, or of, the said Cities, Towns, or Boroughs, upon any *Quo Warranto*, or Informations in Nature of a *Quo Warranto* had:

We do hereby therefore publish, declare, direct, and require, that the said Corporations and Bodies Politick and Corporate of all the said Cities, Towns, and Boroughs, whose Deeds of Surrender are not enrolled,

enrolled, nor Judgments entered against them as aforesaid, and the Mayors, Bailives, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Magistrates, Ministers, Officers, Free-men, and all and every others the Members of or in every of them respectively, upon the Publication of this Our Proclamation, take on them and proceed to act as a Corporation, or Body Politick; and where Places are vacant by Death or otherwise, to make Elections, constitute, and fill up the same (notwithstanding the usual Days and Times of Elections by the ancient Charters and Constitutions shall happen to be past) and to do, execute, and perform all and every Matter and Thing as they lawfully might, and ought to have done, if no such Deeds of Surrender, Rules for Judgment, or other Proceedings upon any such *Quo Warranto*, or Informations, had been had or made.

And for the better effecting Our said Intention, We have by Order made by Us in Council, and under Our Sign Manual, and We do also by this Our Proclamation, made with the Advice of Our said Council, discharge, remove, and dismiss all and every Person and Persons, of and from all Offices and Places of Mayors, Bailives, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Recorder, Town-Clerk, and all and every Office and Place, which they, or any of them, have or claim only by Charter, Patent, or Grant, from Our dear Brother, or from Ourselves, since the Dates of the respective Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgment, except such Corporations whose Deeds of Surrender are enrolled, or against whom Judgment is entered; And that all and every such Person and Persons deliver up into the Hands and Custody of
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the said Persons hereby appointed, and intended to act and execute the said Offices and Places, all and every the Charters, Records, Books, Evidences, and Matters, concerning the said respective Corporations.

And We do hereby further publish and declare, that We have caused all and every the said Deeds of Surrender which can be found, to be delivered and put into the Hands of Our Attorney-General, to be by him cancelled, and returned to the Corporations and Bodies Politick of the respective Cities and Towns whom they concern; And have also given Our said Attorney Authority, and do hereby warrant and command him, not only not to proceed or enter Judgment upon the said *Quo Warranto's*, or Informations in Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, or any of them, but to enter upon the respective Records, *Noli Prosequi's*, and legal Discharges thereof.

And We do hereby publish and declare Our further Grace and Favour to the said Cities, Corporations, and Boroughs at any Time hereafter by any further Act, to grant, confirm or restore unto them all their Charters, Liberties, Franchises and Privileges, that at the respective Times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgment made or given, they held or enjoyed. And in order to the perfecting Our said gracious Intentions, We do hereby likewise publish and declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, as for and concerning the restoring to such of Our Cities, Corporations, and Boroughs, within Our said Kingdom and Dominion, which have made Deeds of Surrender, or have had Judgment given against them, which Surrenders and Judgments are entered of Record, that Our Chancellor, Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General, without Fees to
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any Officers or Officer whatsoever, upon Application to them made, shall, and they are hereby required to prepare and pass Charters, Instruments, Grants, and Letters Patent, for the incorporating, regranting, confirming, and restoring, to all and every the said Cities, Corporations and Boroughs, their respective Charters, Liberties, Rights, Franchises, and Privileges, and for restoring the respective Mayors, Bailives, Recorders, Sheriffs, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, and Freemen, as were of such Cities, Corporations, or Boroughs, at the Times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Judgments respectively given or had, and for the putting them into the same State, Condition, and Plight, they were in, at the Times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Judgments made or given.

And whereas divers Boroughs that were not heretofore Corporations, have, since the Year 1679, had Charters of Incorporation granted and passed unto them, We hereby further express and declare Our Royal Pleasure, to determine and annul the said last mentioned Charters and Corporations; and to that End, We have, in Pursuance to the Power reserved in the said Charters by Our Order in Council, and under our Sign Manual, removed and discharged, and We do also by this Our Proclamation, made with the Advice of Our said Council, remove and discharge all and every Person, of or in the said last mentioned Corporations, of and from all Offices and Places of Mayors, Bailives, Recorders, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, and of and from all and every other Office and Place, from which We have Power reserved by the said Charters respectively to remove and discharge them. And We do hereby promise

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and declare, That We will do and consent to all such Acts, Matters, and Things, as shall be necessary to render these Our gracious Intentions and Purposes effectual; It being Our gracious Intention to call a Parliament, as soon as the general Disturbance of Our Kingdom, by the intended Invasion, will admit thereof. Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the 17th Day of *October*, 1688, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Whereas in the Charters, Patents, or Grants, made to several Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, a Power is reserved to his Majesty, by his Order in Council, to remove, displace, and discharge, the Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freemen, and other Members of the same: His Majesty is this Day in Council pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered accordingly, That all Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freemen, and other Members of the said respective Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, which have or claim, such Offices or Places by Charter, Patent, or Grant, from the late King of blessed Memory, or from His Majesty since the Year 1679, (except such Cities and Towns in His Majesty's Proclamation named, whose Deeds of Surrender are enrolled, or against whom Judgments in *Quo Warranto* are entered) be removed, displaced, and discharged, in Pursuance of the Power, reserved as aforesaid, and they, and every of them, are hereby removed, displaced, and discharged accordingly.

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By this Act of Council, the Rights and Liberties of the Corporation (when they were, to all Appearance, irrecoverably lost) were restored, and the fatal Effects of that arbitrary Charter were prevented. If any Doubts should arise, concerning the Validity of it at this Day, it is sufficient to observe, that the Deed of Surrender on which it was founded was illegal, and therefore all that had been built on the supposed Validity of that Surrender, must fall of Course: And as the ancient Charters are again revived, and put in full Force; by them, and them only, are the Burgeses of *Ipswich* to be governed. It is worthy of Remark, that the same pernicious Clause that was intended to complete their Slavery, and rivet their Chains the closer, proved, in the Event, the Means of loosening and dissolving them. The Freemen of *Ipswich* have Reason to rejoice for this Providential Escape; their Case was then so desperate, that nothing less than Providence could relieve them. The present Burgeses of the Corporation have the Happiness of living in better Times; they cannot now lose their Liberties, unless it be by their own Fault; yet, Prudence will always require, that they should be upon their Guard.

Since the *Revolution*, no Attempts have been made for dissolving Corporations, or none that have been attended with Success, except in the Case of *Colchester*. And though this is no more than a single Instance, as it is so near your Neighbourhood, it ought to alarm you Freemen of *Ipswich* the more. If any one, or more Persons, that were principally concerned in hunting that Corporation down; if any of the Assistants or Friends of such Persons; if any that approve and applaud that Measure, have gained any Footing in your Corporation, and been for-

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ward to take the Lead amongst you; What Security can you have, that the like will not be done at *Ipswich*, that was done at *Colchester*?

It is certain, the Continuance of your Liberties, the good Government of the Town, and the equal Administration of Justice *towards the Poor as well as the Rich*, depends, in a great Measure, upon the proper Choice of your principal *Magistrates*. In choosing these it should always be remembered, that no Person can execute the Office of *Bailiff*, as it ought to be executed, unless he be resident among you. Your Predecessors were so sensible of this, that many Instances might be produced, by which it would appear, that they would not suffer so much as a *Port-man* to continue such, if he removed his Residence from the Town. No Business of any Consequence ought to be transacted, relating to the Corporation, without the Authority of a *Great Court*. At these *every Freeman* has an *equal Right to assist*. If these are frequently called, and the Business of the Corporation be properly laid before you; then, *every Freeman* will have his proper Weight, in managing the Borough, in disposing of its Revenues to the best Advantage, in examining the Accounts of your Officers, and in seeing that the large charitable Funds that have been given to you, be rightly and faithfully applied. Every Man of you knows, that you have for several Years past, in a great Measure, been excluded from these Privileges. No Great Courts have been called, that could possibly be avoided. No Great Courts can be held, without the Presence of *both your Bailives*. And can you expect, that these should be *frequently held*, as they undoubtedly ought to be, if *one of your Bailives should live at the Distance of Three or Fourscore Miles from you*? This well deserves your
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Consideration; for otherwise, you may soon be in the like Condition with another neighbouring Borough, whose Misfortune it has generally been, for some Years past, that when they want their *Mayor*, or indeed many of their *Aldermen*, they are obliged to look for them in the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*.

Ipswich at present enjoys a Distinction, that no other Borough throughout the united Kingdoms can boast. The Burgeſſes there have the Honour of being represented by that worthy Patriot, who not only deserved, but received, the concurrent Approbation and Thanks of both Houses of Parliament, for his Conduct Abroad; and who by his disinterested Behaviour, in Support of the Royal Family, and the Liberties of his Fellow-subjects, has given repeated Proofs at Home, that he has nothing so much at Heart, as their Welfare. Two Candidates, *resident* amongst you, and *in the Interest of this Representative*, will shortly be proposed for *Bailives* of the ensuing Year: And it is not doubted but they will be vigorously supported by you; since you are well convinced, that by promoting the Interest of *this Representative*, you will, most effectually establish, and secure your own.

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APPENDIX.

TWO CLAUSES *from the Charter of King JAMES II. dated the Fifteenth of September, in the fourth Year of his Reign; an Instance among many of the arbitrary Proceedings of those Times.*

PROVIDED always and We do reserve full ^{4 Jac. II.} Power and Authority to Us, Our Heirs and ^{15 Sept.} Successors, by these Presents, from Time to Time ^{1688.} and at all Times hereafter, at *the Will and Pleasure* of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by any Order of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Privy Council made, and under the Seal of Our Privy Council to them respectively signified, to remove the said Bailives, Portmen, Chief-Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Town-Clerk, or Coroners, or any one or more of the other Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid, and to declare him or them to be removed. And as often as We, Our Heirs or Successors, by any such Order in Privy Council made, shall declare such Bailives, Portmen, Chief-Constables, Recorder, Town-Clerk, or Coroners, or any one or more of the Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, to be removed from their respective Offices, or any of them, that then and from thence the Bailives, Portmen, Chief-Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Town-Clerk, and Coroners, or other Officers of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the
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Time being respectively, and every of them so removed, or declared to be removed, or to be declared, may and shall be *ipso facto* removed from their several Offices respectively, and without any other Process really and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and this *toties quoties*, as often as the Case shall happen, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

And then one other or more others into the Place or Places of such Person or Persons so removed, or declared to be removed, or to be declared to be removed, may be constituted, according to the Tenor and Appointment of these Letters Patents. And also provided, that if at any Time hereafter, within Twenty Days after the Removal of any one or more of the Bailives, Portmen, *etc.* from their Places aforesaid respectively, or after the Death or Decease of the same, or any of them, the remaining Bailives, Portmen, and Chief-Constables of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being, shall be ordered and commanded by Letters Mandatory of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, under Our Seal and Sign Manual to the said remaining Bailives, Portmen, and Chief-Constables directed or to be directed, to elect, admit, and swear any other Person or Persons of the Nomination of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to or in the several and respective Places and Offices, or the Place or Office of any one or more Person or Persons so from thence removed, dead or deceased, as is aforesaid; that then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the said Bailives, Portmen, and Chief-Constables of the Town or Borough aforesaid, for the Time being (how few soever in Number they may happen to be) or the greater Part of them, who, upon public Notice or Summons shall be present, to elect
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and admit, and the same by these Presents are required to elect and admit, every such Person or Persons respectively to and in the Place or Office, or the Places or Offices, of the aforesaid Person or Persons respectively so from thence removed, dead, or deceased, as in that Case from Time to Time hereafter by such Letters Mandatory may or shall be respectively appointed. And that in such Case every other Election or Admission had or to be had, contrary to the Tenor of these Presents, or contrary to the Exigence of the said Mandatory Letters, shall to all Intents and Purposes be void and of no Force. Also by these Presents for Us, *etc.* We give and grant to the Bailives, Portmen, and Chief-Constables of the Town or Borough aforesaid for the Time being, or to such of them, by whom such Election or Admission, according to the true Intent of these Presents shall be had or made, full Power and Authority to administer the Oath of Office to every such Bailiff, Portman, Chief-Constable, Recorder, and Deputy-Recorder, Town-Clerk, or Coroner, or other Officer of the Town or Borough aforesaid, so as is aforesaid elected or admitted, or to be elected or admitted, within the said Town or Borough. And also that every Bailiff, Portman, *etc.* so elected, admitted, and sworn, or hereafter to be elected, admitted, and sworn, may and can have, enjoy, and exercise this or their several respective Office or Offices as fully and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as any other Bailiff, Portman, Chief-Constable, Recorder, *etc.* within the said Town or Borough in any other Manner elected, admitted, and sworn, or hereafter to be elected, admitted, and sworn, may or can by any other Form or Manner of Election, Admission, or Swearing in

these Presents above written, or within the Town or Borough aforesaid heretofore used to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And moreover for divers Causes and Considerations Us thereunto especially moving, of Our especial Favour, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, and by Virtue of Our Prerogative Royal, We have dispensed, pardoned, remitted, and discharged, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do dispense, pardon, remit, and discharge the aforesaid *William Brown* and *Edward Gale*, in these Presents named to be Bailives and Portmen of the Town or Borough aforesaid, *John Hodges* Recorder of the Town or Borough aforesaid, *Christopher Milton* Knight, *Richard Phillips*, *Charles Wright*, *Edmund Reynold*, *Richard Pemberton*, *Thomas Osborn*, *Roger Snelling*, *Nicholas Cook*, *Thomas Bantoft*, and *Samuel Caley*, Portmen of the Town or Borough aforesaid, *Daniel Cole* Town-Clerk, and *John Brunning*, *John Firmin*, *Samuel Reynolds*, *Truth Norris*, *Robert Smith*, *John Rivett*, *Thomas Whincale*, *Samuel Hawes*, *John Walford*, *Thomas Daniel Cole* Senior, *John Phillips*, *Henry Bond*, *John Broome* Junior, *George Coe*, *Henry Hill*, *Henry Sparrow*, and *Richard Girling*, Common Councillors of the Town or Borough aforesaid in these Presents nominated, and every one of them, and every other such Officer or Officers or Servants respectively within the Town or Borough hereafter to be nominated, or elected, or admitted, from all taking or receiving of the Oath of Primacy, in *English* the Oath of Supremacy, mentioned in a certain Act of Parliament of Our Lady *Elizabeth*, late Queen of *England*, in the First Year of her Reign, or in any other Statute or Act of Parliament; and also of and from taking and receiving the Oath of Allegi-

Allegiance or Obedience, mentioned and expressed in a certain Act of Parliament of Our Lord *James* the First, Our Grand-Father, late King of *England*, holden in the Third Year of his Reign, or in any other Statute or Act of Parliament; and also of and from taking and receiving the Oath mentioned and contained in a certain Statute, made in the Parliament of Our Lord *Charles* the Second, late King of *England*, holden in the Thirteenth Year of his Reign, intituled, *An Act for the well-governing and regulating Corporations*; and also of and from all taking and receiving the Sacraments, called in *English* the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the Rites or Usage of the Church of *England*, or according to the Directions of any one or more Canon or Canons, Statute or Statutes of this Our Kingdom of *England*; and also of and from the taking and subscribing the Declaration mentioned or contained in the aforesaid Statute of the Thirteenth Year of *Charles* the Second; and also of and from taking or subscribing the Declaration mentioned and expressed in another Statute made in the Parliament of Our Lord King *Charles* the Second, in the Twenty-fifth Year of his Reign, intituled, *An Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants*; and also from taking and receiving any Oaths, and receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and subscribing any one or more Declarations mentioned or expressed in the Statutes aforesaid, or the Acts of Parliament aforementioned, or any one of them, or in any other Statute mentioned or contained of and concerning the Premises; and of and from all Crimes, Convictions, Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Damages, Incapacities, and Disabilities by them or any of them incurred, or to be incurred, or to any one or more

of them to be imputed or objected, or with which any one or more of them now or hereafter may or can be charged for that they have not taken or received, or for that they shall not hereafter have taken or received, the aforesaid Oaths or Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or for not having subscribed the Declarations abovementioned, or any of them, or any other enjoined or subscribed by Statute, or by any other Statutes heretofore made or published, requiring the taking of the Oaths aforesaid, or any of them, or the Reception of the Lord's Supper according to the Rites and Usage of the Church of *England*, or subscribing the Declarations aforesaid, or any of them; and of and from all and all Manner of Informations, Presentments, Indictments, Prosecutions, Molestations, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, as well in the Name of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, as in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons heretofore had, brought, and now depending, or hereafter to be had, brought, and be depending, in any Courts of Us, *etc.* or in any other Courts or Places whatsoever, of, for, or concerning any Defects, Neglects, or Omissions, or Refusal of taking, receiving, or subscribing the aforesaid Oaths, Sacraments of the Lord's Supper, or Declaration mentioned in the aforesaid Acts of Parliament, or by them or any of them directed or prescribed, or on account of any other Defect in Performance of the Premises, or any of them.

And moreover, of Our more abundant Favour, and of Our certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We will and declare, and by these Presents for Us, *etc.* do grant to the said Bailives, Portmen, Chief-Constables, Recorder, Deputy-Recorder, Town-Clerk, and Coroners of the Town and Borough aforesaid, and to all the other Officers of the said Borough

Borough now or for the Time being, and every of them, full and sufficient Ability, Capacity, Power, and Authority, to have, enjoy, and exercise the respective Offices aforesaid respectively, and all and singular the Things to them respectively belonging or appertaining, without taking the aforesaid Oaths, or any of them, and without receiving the Sacrament according to the Rites and Usage of the Church of *England*, or pronouncing and subscribing the Declarations aforesaid, or any one of them, or without performing any Injunction or Requisition whatsoever by any Statute aforesaid directed to be performed or incurred, or to be subject to any Crimes, Offences, Inabilities, Incapacities, Corrections, Prosecutions, Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, Impetrations, or Damages whatsoever, and so fully and freely as if the said Bailives, Portmen, *etc.* aforesaid were or for the Time being had performed, received, and done, and subscribed the aforesaid Oaths, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Declarations, according to the Form and Effect of the Statutes and Acts of Parliament above-mentioned, (the Acts and Statutes aforesaid, or any Thing in them or any of them contained, or any other Statute, Act of Parliament, Law or Provision whatsoever to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.)



